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Arab American held at Heathrow as the search goes on for bomb survivors

Britain sends bomb suspect back to US

By Richard Ford, Stewart Tendler and Martin Fletcher

AN Arab-American suspected of involvement in the Oklahoma City bomb blast was flown back to the United States last night after being stopped at Heathrow Airport as a result of an FBI alert. His luggage, which was booked on another flight to the Middle East, was later seized at Rome airport and found to contain suspicious items.

Three other men of Middle Eastern extraction were being questioned in America after being arrested on immigration charges. Two were held in Dallas and the third in Oklahoma City.

The 42-year-old man held at Heathrow was born in Jordan and had been planning to take a Royal Jordanian Airlines flight to Rome. The Justice Department in Washington described him as a witness.

MI5, MI6 and Scotland Yard have all offered assistance to their American counterparts and John Major told MPs yesterday that he had promised President Clinton that Britain would help in any way it could to track down the bombers. Mr Major told the Commons: "As events will show, we are assisting."

The man flown back to America last night had been held at O'Hare Airport in Chicago within hours of the bombing on Wednesday and questioned by the American authorities. In the meantime his baggage had been checked in on his flight to Rome.

The flight departed from Chicago with his luggage aboard while he was still being questioned; he was later released and caught another flight via London.

In the meantime his three suitcases arrived at Rome where it was checked by airport authorities who, like many European countries, are highly alert to the risk of terrorist attacks. Italian police became suspcious about some of the contents of the luggage. They traced the passenger and alerted the FBI in Washington, but by the time the FBI realised to whom the luggage belonged, he was flying to London.

Sources in Washington said last night that he had been planning to fly to Amman and that the luggage inspected in Rome contained "a number of things you would not normally expect to find".

Two of the men arrested in Dallas had been spotted driving away from Oklahoma City after the bombing when they stopped to ask a patrolman directions. Assad Siddiqi and Mohammed Chafi were later arrested on immigration charges, and Siddiqi's brother was subsequently held in Oklahoma.

The arrest of the four Middle Eastern men came as rescuers continued to search for survivors amid the rubble of the Alfred Murrah Building, although they said they did not expect to find anyone else alive. The official casualty toll was yesterday put at 36 dead, 12 of them children, 432 injured and some 200 people still missing. The victims included the child whose photograph appeared on the front page of *The Times* yesterday.

More than 200 FBI agents from across the United States have joined the hunt for the terrorists and by yesterday they had received thousands of calls offering leads. They have also received unsubstantiated claims of responsibility from seven different Middle East groups, but had not established whether any was credible.

The 1,000 lb bomb that devastated the Alfred Murrah Building was believed to have been made of fertiliser, possibly ammonium nitrate and fuel oil, and experts said it appeared similar to devices used by Muslim extremists in Beirut, Buenos Aires and in New York's World Trade Centre attack two years ago.

In London, immigration officials were waiting as passengers left BA flight 298 from Chicago at Heathrow, and the Jordanian-born man was escorted to a room off the main arrival lounge. He was told that the FBI wanted to question him in connnection with the bomb, and he agreed voluntarily to go back to the United States.

The immigration officials formally told him he would not be allowed to enter Britain because his "presence would not be conducive to the public good". A Special Branch officer from the team at the airport and an FBI agent from the US Embassy escorted him back on to another 747 flight, BA 297, bound for Chicago which left Heathrow at about 3.15pm yesterday. Mr Howard last night praised the alertness of the immigration official who detained the bomb suspect. The immigration service throughout the United Kingdom had been given a list of names circulated by the FBI, but the name on the list was slightly different from that on the suspect's passport.

The official realised the similarity as the man arrived at passport control, and detained him. "It is a great credit to this very alert official who saw that though there was a difference, that this was the man," Mr Howard said. Only hours before the man was detained, Mr Howard had written to Janet Reno, the US Attorney-General, offering expertise on terrorist investigations. He told *The Times*: "I wrote expressing my horror and told her how much we were on their side in this matter. I also asked her if there was anything we could do to let me know."

Ms Reno phoned Mr Howard last night to thank him for the assistance given by the immigration service. "Ironically, she has not even received my letter offering help."

Whitehall sources said yesterday that the experience gained by British intelligence in the fight against terrorism in Northern Ireland would be valuable to the American authorities.

In the Commons, the Prime Minister said that it was hard to convey the depth of feeling that everyone had "about the hidelus act of barbarism and terrorism in Oklahoma and the mesiery and death that it has caused. "I have been in touch with President Clinton. I have expressed our profound sympathy to him and to the country, the bereaved and the injured."

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PAT CARTER

Cars are checked at Tinker air base, Oklahoma City, in a scene reminiscent more of Belfast than the Mid-West

Police injured by eggs full of chemicals

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

FOUR police officers, one a woman, suffered eye and face injuries yesterday when chemical-filled eggs and other missiles were thrown by animal rights activists in Brightlingsea, Essex.

Sue Wheeler, one of the demonstrators, said she saw paint hit a policeman in the eye. "I and a couple of others rushed in and pulled him out of the crowd", she said. "It looked pretty bad." Another officer fell to the ground screaming in pain.

The injuries came as the crowd of about 600 tried to stop seven lorries delivering calves and sheep to the small port for shipment to Belgium. Thirteen people were arrested. PC Michael Hall, of Essex Police, said: "The missiles included chicken's eggs ... filled with some sort of chemical, possibly cellulose paint or thinner."

Two of the officers were treated in a Colchester hosital. All were later released. It was the most serious violence at the port, and the first time any policemen have been hurt. The protest was swelled by two coachloads of demonstrators from Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex, another port used to ship animals.

Ms Wheeler, a former organiser of Brightlingsea Against Live Exports, said: "The regular demonstrators were horrified by today's events. The missiles were thrown by a small number of mindless idiots who came in from outside."

The first shipment of live animals from Dover since the High Court ordered the port to lift its ban on the trade passed almost uneventfully yesterday. About 200 demonstrators turned out, far fewer than some activists had predicted.

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Pension firms face £3bn bill

Compensation and costs worth up to £3 billion could be shared by thousands of investors wrongly advised to opt out of their company and occupational pension schemes and into personal pension plans following publication of guidelines by the Personal Investment Authority, a city watchdog.

The PIA has told its members it wants investors restored to their original pension schemes; alternatively, a suitable payment should be made to the investor's personal pension plan ....Page 23

Tito's lieutenant dies at 83

Milovan Djilas, the writer, politician and wartime Partisan who became Yugoslavia's most outspoken dissident, died in Belgrade of a heart attack yesterday, aged 83. Once Tito's closest lieutenant, Djilas fell from grace when he publicly criticised his patron's policies and was pronounced "politically dead".

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'Cash for questions' Tories suspended without pay

By Philip Webster
and Nigel Williamson

TWO Conservative MPs were suspended from the Commons last night over their roles in the "cash-for-questions" affair.

David Tredinnick, MP for Bosworth, and Graham Riddick (Colne Valley) apologised for their actions at the start of the two-hour debate, and then left the chamber. The decision to ban Mr Tredinnick for four weeks and Mr Riddick for two weeks was taken without a vote.

Tory MPs who had tabled an amendment proposing a reduction in the punishment for Mr Riddick decided against pushing it to a division: they said that pressure on MPs to back the recommendations of the all-party Privileges Committee would have resulted in a vote that did not reflect the scale of sympathy for him.

The penalty for Mr Tredinnick is one of the toughest imposed by the Commons in 50 years. It is understood that he will lose £2,800 in pay and Mr Riddick £1,300. For the next two weeks the Government's official Commons majority will be reduced to 11.

After a private investigation the Privileges Committee judged the conduct of the MPs to have fallen "below the standards of the House". The MPs were found to have been prepared to take £1,000 for tabling Commons questions when approached by reporters from *The Sunday Times*. The newspaper, which exposed the affair last summer, was also reprimanded by the committee. Tory MPs voiced sympathy for Mr Riddick, who swiftly returned the uncashed cheque from the newspaper before the article exposing him appeared.

More than 150 Tory MPs last night wrote to the chairman of his Conservative association expressing their confidence in his integrity.

The Commons debated the fate of the two MPs as Lord Nolan's committee, due to present its report to John Major next month, agreed that an independent ombudsman was needed to scrutinise MPs' conduct. The new regulator would report to MPs, leaving the Commons with the final say in its own affairs.

The report will also recommend that former ministers seek "guidance" from a vetting committee before taking up posts in the private sector. The committee might suggest a delay before starting a sensitive new job.

> *'To call it a kangaroo court would be to insult the judicial instincts of kangaroos. Two fellows were carted in, expected to apologise to the court before the verdict was decided, then required to leave while their case was considered'*
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Rebels free six British hostages

By Eve-Ann Prentice
Diplomatic Correspondent

SIX Britons are among 16 hostages freed by rebels in Sierra Leone yesterday after they had been marched hundreds of miles through West Africa by their captors.

The six, who were seized between three and five months ago, were released on Sierra Leone's border with Guinea. They are expected back in Britain by Monday.

"They have been walking for the past 16 days," said Iain Murray, brother of Calum Murray, 24, who was seized in early November. Mr Murray was captured with Robert D'Cruz, who was also released yesterday.

A spokesman for the International Committee of the Red Cross, which helped to negotiate the release, said: "They have all been moved around to a lot of locations since being captured."

The other Britons are James Westwood, Ross Milne, Peter White and Andrew Young.

Church was reckless to lose £800m, say MPs

By Arthur Leathley
and Tim Jones

THE Church of England's financial management was denounced as reckless and foolish in a Commons report yesterday on the Church's £800 million losses in property speculation.

MPs have called for legislation to remove the £1 billion pension fund from the control of the Church Commissioners, the Church of England's central funding body, and to ensure that Parliament has a greater say in Church affairs.

The losses, which have led to churchgoers having to give more money to fund clergy stipends, were described as revealing "unbelievable naïveté". The report by the Commons Social Security Committee criticised the Church's excessive secrecy and outdated accounting practices, which one committee member said had "more than a whiff of Victoriana". In the worst investment, the Commissioners put £80 million into a proposed new town development at Ashford, Kent, which is now worth only £3 million.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt Rev Dr George Carey, was urged by the report to set up an independent inquiry into "all aspects" of the project. The disastrous property speculation took place between the mid-1980s and 1992, when it was becoming clear to experts that the market was unstable.

For 75 years, the Church of England has been allowed to draw up its own laws, which MPs cannot amend. The move to introduce legislation which Parliament could change was received coolly by the Church. Philip Mawer, secretary-general of the General Synod, said that the committee's proposal would "create concern among a broad cross-section of Church members."

The Commissioners were also criticised for setting up 37 companies in Britain and the United States, partly to circumvent the rules on charities. "The outcome of these acts proved to be as disastrous for the Commissioners' assets as it was ethically suspect," the report says. It also blamed advisers and development companies for offering poor investment advice.

Although some MPs on the committee said yesterday that they could not rule out fraud or theft, the report said the Commissioners were such easy prey for developers that fraud was "probably superfluous".

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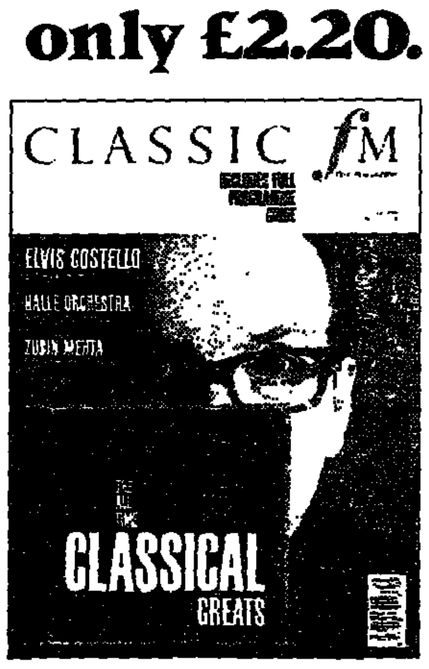

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One jump short of a kangaroo court

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

GRAHAM RIDDICK and David Tredinnick arrived early for their public execution and sat separately. Tredinnick looked composed, which did him no good at all: the House felt sorrier for Riddick, who spent Question Time wringing his hands.

Doubtless by coincidence, a kindly middle-aged lady in yellow (Teresa Gorman) sat beside Riddick and a kindly middle-aged lady in yellow (Jacqui Lait) sat beside Tredinnick. The impression was of female warders in a caring institution for the overstressed.

When the debate came, member after member began by observing how very painful these occasions were. But this one was well-attended. MPs had turned up to be pained in person.

The debate itself was an extraordinary affair. If we had not persuaded ourselves that, simply by *being* the Commons, MPs assume a mysterious and unfathomable authority in our constitution, then this "debate" by MPs to sentence two of their number could be seen as a joke.

To call it a kangaroo court would be to insult the judicial instincts of kangaroos. Two fellows were carted in, expected to apologise to the court before the verdict was decided, then required to leave while their case was considered. But it never was considered. A sub-committee (though not in name) had already sat. In between bouts of wrangling with each other in public over whether they should sit in secret, the Privileges Committee had determined the case.

None of the accused had had procedural rights and none had been permitted representation. The committee's report had severely censured *The Sunday Times*. Mr Riddick and Mr Tredinnick: suggested twice the sentence for Tredinnick as for Riddick (without explaining the tariff or the reasons); and meted out no punishment at all on *The Sunday Times*.

And yesterday that verdict was put before the House for rubber-stamping. It was crystal clear that a powerful feeling was running among Tories that the committee had bodged the job.

Yet no hint of this was reflected in the outcome. There was no vote. Party managers had fixed it. The unofficial whip had been at work on the "payroll" vote. It was not "free", as the House Leader, Tony Newton, claimed. Many MPs were outraged, and it showed.

Speech after speech, and almost all the interruptions, betrayed MPs' bafflement and irritation. Labour backbenchers (many of them) supported *The Sunday Times*; Tories felt that Riddick in particular had been harshly treated and were incandescent that the newspaper had refused to back up its allegations from a "source". The rules were vague, the precedents confusing, the procedure whimsical and the authority doubtful.

When Robert Hughes (C, Harrow W) interrupted to ask Mr Newton to explain the reasoning of part of the report, he got no answer. One committee member, Labour's John Morris, dithered defensively for quarter of an hour and rejected a question from Sir Peter Tapsell (C, Lindsey E) on the ground that as the committee had sat in private, the reasoning behind its judgment must also be private.

Speaking early, John Biffen concluded there must be a better way of determining these matters. By the end, most of us had reached the same conclusion.

Mackay publishes details of 'no win no fee' scheme

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

Mackay: under fire

THE Lord Chancellor is expected to face tough opposition from senior legal figures over his proposals to allow lawyers to take on "no win, no fee" litigation. The proposals, which had been delayed after criticisms from senior judges, were published yesterday after months of negotiation and redrafting.

Yesterday the proposals came under fire from one senior City litigator as "a bonanza for lawyers" which would enable them to "write their own cheque book". They will also face strong opposition in the House of Lords when they come up for approval in a few weeks' time.

The two drafts published by Lord Mackay of Clashfern yesterday would enable lawyers to take on cases for nothing but charge up to double their normal fees if they won. They were welcomed by the Law Society as widening access to justice.

Charles Elly, the society's president, said: "Many people are at present unable to bring a personal injury case, however strong it is, because they do not qualify for legal aid yet cannot afford to pay the cost of litigation themselves. They will soon be able to agree that their lawyer receives a success fee if the case is won, tailored to reflect the risk in the individual case, but no fee at all if the case is lost."

The reforms, to apply initially to personal injury, insolvency and human rights cases, are a main plank of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990. They were delayed because of concerns expressed by the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on changes affecting the legal profession under Lord Steyn, the law lord.

The Lord Chancellor and the Law Society argue the reforms will widen access to legal services, helping people pursue claims which they could not otherwise, through lack of funds.

But an array of senior judges, including the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth; Lord Donaldson of Lymington, the former Master of the Rolls; and Lords Ackner and Simon of Glaisdale have warned that people could suffer from inflated lawyers' fees. Lord Taylor has said the fees will be "disastrous for litigants" and would be no compensation for cuts in eligibility for legal aid.

The scheme, known as conditional fees, differs from the contingency fees system in the United States, which provides for a lawyer to take a slice of any damages won by his client. With conditional fees, the payment to lawyers is unrelated to damages won.

☐ The Law Society is to run an insurance scheme enabling people to protect themselves against the risk of paying for the other side's costs when litigating a personal injuries claim under the "no win, no fee" scheme. A wider insurance scheme covering all cases under "no win, no fee" is being organised by the City-based firm Litigation Protection enabling people to insure against paying costs of up to £100,000.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Hanley: too "gaffe-prone" to help local campaign

Tories to boycott Hanley

By Alice Thomson

Jeremy Hanley, has been declared an electoral liability by some Tories in Erewash who are boycotting the Conservative Party Chairman's visit today to the the Derbyshire district.

Councillors are convinced that Mr Hanley is so "gaffe-prone" that he will make matters worse and will drag up "smutty" national political issues when the councillors want to stand on their local achievements and the problems of the Labour-led council in elections on May 4.

The leader and deputy leader of the council's Conservatives, Henry Shaw and Gerry Hartopp, said yesterday they would refuse to see the Party Chairman and added that they wanted to distance themselves from the whole Cabinet.

Major accuses Labour of gutter politics in TV row

By James Landale

JOHN MAJOR accused Labour yesterday of "gutter politics" and "peddling untruths" about the Tories in Wednesday's party political broadcast which repeatedly accused the Prime Minister of lying.

In a furious exchange in the Commons, Mr Major called on Tony Blair to withdraw what he called the "number of inaccuracies" in the broadcast, including the claim that council taxes were lower under Labour. He said the Labour leader must know that band-for-band, council taxes were higher under Labour and that spending on health, education and the police had gone up under the Tories.

"What we really saw last night was that behind the high flown language of new Labour, lies the gutter politics of old Labour," the Prime Minister said. Mr Blair asked whether Mr Major could confirm that Tory tax increases meant the average family was now £800 worse off despite pledging to cut taxes at the last election.

Mr Major said Mr Blair was wrong and noted he had not taken the opportunity "to withdraw the blatant untruths he and his friends have been peddling in recent days". He added: "The new Labour party has a lot to say about trust. I hope the right honourable gentleman withdraws the inaccuracies from the broadcast. If he had any trust, he is throwing it away."

Mr Major was responding to a question by David Evennett, Tory MP for Erith and Crayford, who condemned the broadcast as a "deplorable use of television". The Prime Minister replied that although he had not seen the broadcast, he understood it contained a number of inaccuracies. The Tories said that the broadcast was abusive and misleading.

Many in Westminster said the row marked a new low in the degree of personal abuse being levelled by both Labour and the Tories as the parties' campaigns for the local elections on May 4 gathered pace.

Only hard exercise cuts risk of dying

By Nigel Hawkes

IF YOU want to live longer, start working up a sweat. Moderate exercise may make you healthier, but living longer seems to call for something rather more strenuous.

A 26-year study of Harvard graduates has shown that only vigorous activity reduced the risk of dying. The researchers, reporting in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, cannot explain why activities such as golf did not prolong life.

They suggest that the benefits come from better functioning of heart and lungs. Brisk walking, jogging, singles tennis, swimming, fast cycling and doing heavy chores are more effective.

The study was carried out by Dr I-Min Lee and colleagues from Harvard School of Public Health, who followed the fates of 17,300 middle-aged Harvard graduates from 1962 to 1988. In that period, 3,728 of them died.

Those who reported burning off at least 1,500 calories a week had a 25 per cent reduced death rate. The study defined vigorous activity as anything that raised the metabolic rate to six or more times the resting rate.

Dr Lee said that the life-shortening effects of failing to exercise vigorously were comparable to smoking 20 cigarettes a day or being 20 per cent overweight. Yet the authors appear convinced that even moderate activity is better than nothing. "We're not asking people to run marathons," Dr Lee said.

Doctors find vaccine against blood cancer

Doctors have halted the progress of an incurable blood cancer by creating a "vaccine" against it. The brother of a woman who had myeloma was injected with molecules from her cancer cells. This provoked an immune response which doctors transferred to the woman through a bone marrow transplant, enabling her to fight her own cancer. Myeloma is a disease in which plasma cells start producing large quantities of a single antibody which is deposited around the body, causing bone pain, anaemia, kidney failure and recurrent infections.

Dr Larry Kwak and colleagues from the National Cancer Institute in Frederick, Maryland, report in *The Lancet* that the woman is now free of the disease. Since the report is based on only a single case in which the long-term outlook is unknown, the team is cautious about the therapy's future, but Dr Kwak hopes that it will inspire other clinical studies.

☐ Doctors in America have transplanted tissue from a pig into the brain of a man with Parkinson's disease. The treatment may give doctors a limitless alternative to human foetal tissue.

Female bastion falls

A man has made military history by becoming head of the RAF nursing service, one of the last female bastions in the Armed Forces. Group Captain Bob Williams, 50, based at RAF Innsworth, Gloucester, has taken over as Director of RAF Nursing Services and Matron-in-Chief. He is in charge of more than 700 nursing staff worldwide.

Leukaemia girl home

Child B, the ten-year-old girl who was refused leukaemia treatment by her health authority, was allowed home yesterday after a second intensive course of chemotherapy at a private clinic in London. Next she will start experimental treatment, donor lymphocyte infusion, which will involve receiving white blood cells from her sister.

Tunnel's record trade

Channel Tunnel trains carried 125,000 passengers over the Easter break, the service's first major holiday period in competition with the ferries. Le Shuttle broke its daily record by taking 4,483 cars through the tunnel on Easter Monday. However, the ferry operators also claimed record business with big increases on Easter last year.

Big Ben VE-Day plan

A Tory MP has proposed that Big Ben should ring out a double chime at noon on May 8 to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Victory in Europe. Barry Field said it would help record the privileges enjoyed by the Commons "because of the sacrifices those men and women made". Tony Newton, Leader of the House, is to consider the idea.

Ticket tout fined £200

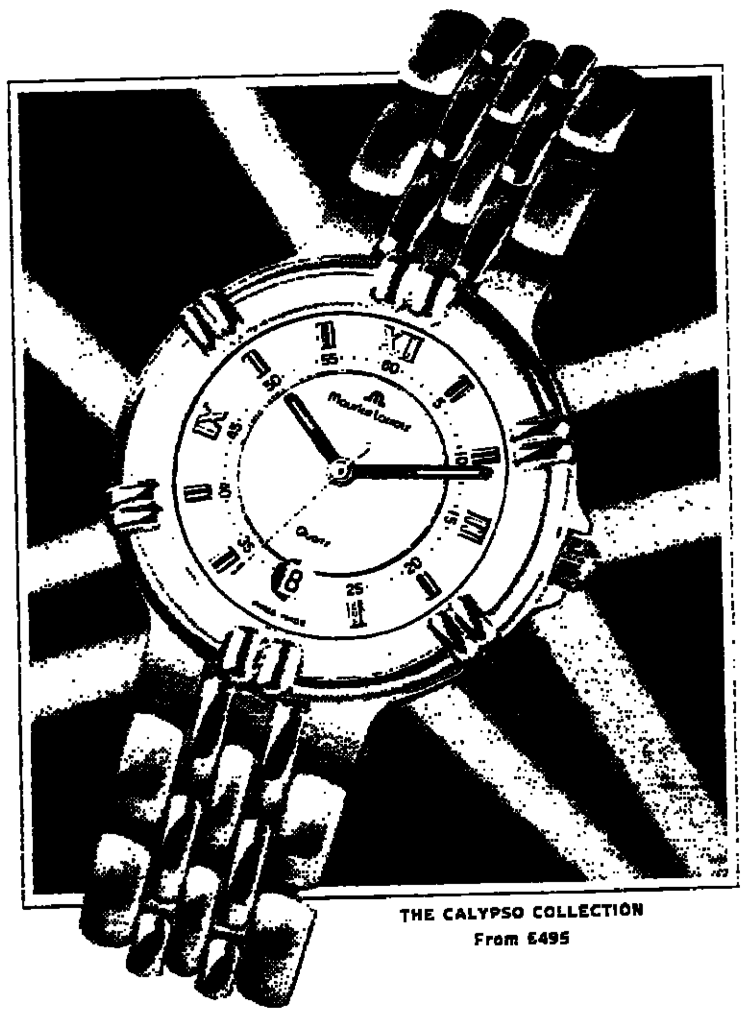
The first ticket tout to be convicted under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 was fined £200 yesterday. Kevin Keane, 32, made £13 profit from selling two tickets last month outside Burnden Park, home of Bolton Wanderers, magistrates were told. Keane told the court that two of his friends had left him with two tickets at short notice.

Winter holiday price cut

Two travel firms reduced the price of holidays for next winter by 10 per cent to coincide with the launch of brochures from all the big British tour companies. Lunn Poly quoted savings on all 1995-96 winter holidays, including cruises. AT Mays said it was offering money off "thousands of winter sun and ski holidays".

Pavarotti too ill to sing

Luciano Pavarotti has withdrawn from tomorrow's performance of *Un ballo in maschera* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, because of a bronchial virus. The tenor is recovering in Italy. His role will be taken by Gegam Grigorian, principal guest artist with the Kirov Opera, and Pavarotti hopes to return by April 28.



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Angry man, 71, foiled armed bank raid

By Kathryn Knight

A RETIRED businessman aged 71 wrestled a 25-year-old armed bankraider to the ground because he was "annoyed at being threatened", a court was told. John Silvant jumped at John Byrne after he pointed a gun at him.

Mr Silvant told an Old Bailey jury that he was dragged out of the bank but forced Mr Byrne to drop his revolver and moneybag. Mr Byrne, who was caught by a detective after a half-mile chase through the West End of London, managed to retain only a £20 note from his original £1,400 haul. He denies robbery, possessing a firearm with intent and affray on September 5 last year.

Nick Wood, for the prosecution, told the court that Mr Silvant was cashing a cheque at a branch of Lloyds bank at Marble Arch, when Mr Byrne, from Kilburn, north London, rushed in pointing a gun and demanded money from a cashier. Mr Silvant told the jury that Mr Byrne shouted: "This is a hold-up. Everybody down."

A cashier started to give him money from the till then Mr Byrne turned round and shouted at three other customers to get down. "He then said to the cashier, 'I will shoot these people if you don't open the safe'," Mr Silvant said. "I got down on my right knee. The other two customers were at a table with their arms over their heads. He pointed his gun at me and I got annoyed."

Mr Silvant said that when Mr Byrne turned round to face the wall he decided to tackle him. "I felt that I had a split second in which to act or not act. I came up behind him and flung my arms round him, pinning his arms to his side. He began to struggle violently and dragged me towards the door.

"He dragged me out of the bank and on to the pavement. We were struggling against some iron railings and I hurt my arm and he dropped his gun. He broke free but I grabbed his bag and he ran across the street."

After dropping his gun Mr Byrne fled and was chased by Andy Grant, a police officer who had seen the struggle. After a half-mile chase through the West End, Mr Byrne was cornered in a car park, where he pulled a knife on the unarmed officer before running off.

Mr Byrne was then intercepted and rugby-tackled by another plainclothes officer, who arrested him, the court was told. The trial continues.

Silvant: decided to act

'Failings included fantastic profit forecasts and employing an alcoholic barman'

BARRY BATCHELOR

Sally-Jane Coode: she was sacked after a loss-making tournament and dance

Earl defends sacking of golf course manager

By Bill Frost

THE Earl of Shelburne, a close friend of the Prince of Wales and Camilla Parker Bowles, defended his decision yesterday to sack a high-flying businesswoman he appointed to run the £4 million golf course on his estate.

He told an industrial tribunal in Bristol that he had reluctantly dismissed Sally-Jane Coode, 51, after a tournament and dance at his club in Bowood, Wiltshire, had lost money last June. Mrs Coode's management controls had not been adequate, Lord Shelburne said.

"The charge per car was £2 and a vehicle could be carrying four or five people. It was ridiculously underpriced," he told the tribunal. "It was after that event ... I told her that, sadly, we had to call it a day."

The course at Bowood opened in 1992 but with membership fees of £1,000 a year the club had failed to attract enough members.

Mrs Coode, a former West Country Businesswoman of the Year, is claiming unfair dismissal. She also seeks a payment of £20,000 she claims was guaranteed by her contract in the event that her services were no longer required.

The dispute over the tournament and dance at Bowood was the last in a series of clashes between Mrs Coode and her employer over her job, the tribunal was told. According to Lord Shelburne, her management of the club was weak, there was inadequate marketing and "fantastic" profit forecasting.

"She failed to fulfil her conditions of employment," he said. "We weren't happy with her overall results because they were below target. If you are paying someone £45,000 a year, you expect them occasionally to come to you with something which stacks up."

Lord Shelburne told the tribunal that Mrs Coode was well aware that he was not satisfied with her performance as chief executive. He had been "embarrassed" to tell his bankers that an income forecast he promised them was once again to fall short of the mark. "It damaged my credibility with them," Lord Shelburne said.

Lord and Lady Shelburne arriving at the hearing

Other failures of management included inadequate filing and appointing a barman with a drinking problem, he said. "I also discovered after she went that Mrs Coode left the key to the club safe, sometimes containing thousands of pounds, in an unlocked cupboard."

Mrs Coode, who used to run a precision-engineering company with an annual turnover of £1.5 million, is now working as a part-time management consultant. Before the hearing she said: "I think the club was seen as a success, and it came as a great shock when I was told that I was no longer wanted. I worked extremely hard to put Bowood on the map. Only Lord Shelburne seems to know why I was sacked." Lord Shelburne told the tribunal that he had offered Mrs Coode severance pay of £10,000 after her dismissal. He subsequently increased the sum to £15,000 but she rejected that offer too. He denied there was any personal animosity. "The reason for her dismissal was entirely to preserve the future of the business."

The earl added: "If the golf club and country club were to fail, Bowood [the family estate] would go into liquidation."

The hearing was adjourned until July.

☐ The greenkeeper at Wareham Golf Club in Dorset put so much fertilizer down that the greens turned brown overnight and 11 holes had to be closed for two months, an industrial tribinal was told yesterday. The golf club, whose 600 members pay £355 a year, lost £10,000 in revenue as it turned players away.

Steven Campbell, whose mistake killed off the greens, lost his job because of the financial crisis he had caused. Wing Commander John Hyde, the club president, told the industrial tribunal at Southampton that the club had no alternative but to make Mr Campbell redundant.

Mr Campbell won his case for unfair dismissal after the tribunal was told he was not consulted over his redundancy last September. He was awarded £696 compensation.

Men at St Paul's were bullies, says woman virger

By Robin Young

THE management of St Paul's Cathedral was intimidating, aggressive and prejudiced against women, a former senior virger claimed at an industrial tribunal yesterday.

Marilyn Ivory, 49, of Wanstead, London, who served at the cathedral from 1983, claimed yesterday that she had been selected for redundancy from the virgers' department in a reorganisation in 1992 because Michael Heather, then the Dean or head virger, did not want a woman in the job.

She is claiming unfair dismissal and sex discrimination against the Dean of St Paul's, the Very Reverend Eric Evans. St Paul's maintains the medieval spelling of virger derived from the virge, the silver rod carried in church processions and originally used to prod the congregation aside to clear a path for bishops.

Mrs Ivory said she felt that Mr Heather had been more offensive to her than to any of her colleagues when he publicly referred to her as "a bitch", which she described as a term of sexual abuse. Mrs Ivory said: "When a radio disc jockey used that about a woman journalist he had to apologise over the airwaves."

She added: "I think I would not have been selected for redundancy if I had not been a woman and a woman who could apparently be bullied and not stand up for herself." She described the management as intimidating and aggressive and said that she had been made physically and perhaps mentally ill as a consequence. She said the manner of the cathedral registrar, Brigadier Robert Acworth, was usually "clipped and military" but that at a meeting on her penultimate day at the cathedral — November 5, 1992 — he had been shouting because he complained that a failure of communication had made him "look barmy".

She said: "The manner in which he said it was so threatening it made it stick in my mind."

Brigadier Acworth said in evidence: "Mrs Ivory had a history of briskness verging on rudeness of which there were numerous examples." The case was adjourned until July 3.

Ivory: claims sex bias

Scotland bows to monstrous regiment of gender studies

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

THE native land of John Knox, who railed against "the Monstrous Regiment of Women", is to get its first Professor of Gender Relations.

A Scottish research chair in relations between the sexes will be funded for five years by the American telecommunications company AT&T, which is giving £300,000 for the post at Dundee University.

The academic world is split over the merits of such studies. Dr Richard Dawkins, the Oxford zoologist, and Roger Scruton, Professor of Philosophy at Boston University, have spoken out against the subject.

But Professor Elizabeth Gerver, one of Dundee's few women professors and head of the university's Centre for Continuing Education, said that there had been no opposition to the chair from her colleagues. "Women's studies and gender studies have been a major area of academic research for 20 years or more. There can be no reason other than prejudice for opposing such a post," she said.

Traditional Scottish universities have for the most part eschewed the creeping Americanisation of British higher education, but the squeeze in funding, the growing number of students and the influx of transatlantic disciplines have led to chairs in new subjects.

Edinburgh University has a Professor of Parapsychology. Professor Gerver denied the gender relations chair would turn Dundee into a so-called "bubblegum university".

Ian Graham-Bryce, the university's Principal, says that the chair is appropriate for a university which appointed the first woman professor in Scotland in 1940.

"The city was early in establishing a reputation for its strong, decision-making women," he said. "Indeed, the co-founder of Dundee University College, Miss Mary-Ann Baxter, was one. She insisted on equal education for the sexes as part of the founding deed in 1881. If she were here today I'm confident ... she would approve."

Subjects covered by the chair will include the decline of women in management, the replacement of full-time male jobs by part-time female work and the predominance of men in science and technology.

The advertisement to recruit the professor will be published this week. The university is looking for applicants — either men or women — with experience in women's or gender studies and an interest in education or management.

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Twin architects of disaster decline to offer an apology

Lovelock: Whitehall career

By Andrew Pierce

THE COMMISSIONERS

THE two main architects of the Church of England's disastrous property investment strategy yesterday refused to apologise for the mistakes which wiped £800 million off the Church's assets.

The 94 Church Commissioners include all 44 bishops, the Prime Minister, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer but the investment power lay in the hands of Sir Douglas Lovelock, then the First Estates Commissioner, and James Shelley, the former Assets Committee secretary.

Michael Hutchings, former head of the commercial property department, was another key figure. He appears to have no professional qualifications in the property field. Mr Hutchings, a flamboyant figure with a penchant for large cigars, used to cross the Atlantic by *QE2* to monitor the Church's investments in America. Colleagues said that he was "temperamentally disinclined" to fly.

Mr Hutchings often sent a case of wine ahead of him but plans went awry in 1982 when the *QE2* was requisitioned for the Falklands war effort. The wine, including Chateau Margaux, ended up in an officers' mess in Goose Green. He was consoled by a thank-you letter from a captain.

Mr Hutchings, who lived in a rented Church Commission property in Bayswater, now advises restaurants on their wine lists, has a property consultancy, and a business placing paintings in commercial properties.

"He had no professional qualifications but he had a flair and expertise for property," a commission official said yesterday. Mr Hutchings was not available for comment.

Sir Douglas Lovelock had a long and successful career in the Civil Service and was private secretary to such Tory luminaries as the late Peter Thorneycroft and Julian, now Lord, Amery at the Ministry of Aviation.

Sir Douglas, 71, became First Church Estates Commissioner in 1983. "I have decided to make no comment," he said last night. "It is not right for me, having been gone for two-and-a-half years, to put some gloss and embroidery on what happened." During the Select Committee's investigation, Sir Michael Colman, the current First Estates Commissioner, said that Sir Douglas and Mr Shelley had not been asked to apologise. It was "very unlikely" that he would ask them to do so.

Sir Douglas, asked yesterday whether he would apologise, or accepted the view of some MPs that he should pay compensation to the commission, replied: "I have already made my views clear on the subject. I am not apologising or saying anything about it."

Mr Shelley, who was educated at Eton and University College, Oxford and lives in a village near Basingstoke, declined to come to the telephone. His wife, Judy staunchly defended his role. She said: "The committee, in the final couple of paragraphs of the report, highlight the positive things which were done. But that has been ignored by them. Positive things were done which they have chosen not to draw attention to.

"I think my husband feels he will be proven right by staying silent. It is not a issue of apology or paying money. The commission has been very loyal to us.

"We are just getting on with our lives. My husband is very active in the local church on the parochial church council. No, he is not in charge of fundraising."

Shelley: staying silent

PETER TREVNOR

Church may never fully recover from 'naive' speculation

By Tim Jones

THE financial disaster threatening the Church of England's parish network was caused by the Church Commissioners' reckless and incompetent speculation on the property market, a report by the Commons Social Security Committee says.

It warns that the Church might never fully recover from the "foolish" speculation that saw assets depleted by £800 million. Many churches, mainly in poor areas, could be closed, the number of priests cut and pension increases limited.

In one deal the Commissioners spent £80 million on a development in Ashford, Kent, without obtaining planning permission for the first phase of the mini-town they hoped to build. Sir Douglas Lovelock, the former First Church Estates Commissioner, and James Shelley, then the Secretary to the Church Commissioners, are accused of acting with "excessive secrecy" and ignoring normal accounting practices as they established a network of 37 subsidiary companies in Britain and the United States partly to circumvent the rules on charities.

"The outcome of these acts proved to be as disastrous for the commissioners' assets as it was ethically suspect," the report says.

As successive annual reports from the commissioners covered up their financial incompetence, the extent of the crisis came to the full attention of Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, only when he read a newspaper report. He immediately set up the Lambeth Group inquiry but the report, while applauding him for acting speedily, criticises the composition of the team, which included four sitting commissioners who were "to a large extent reporting upon themselves".

Accusing the commissioners of "unbelievable naivety" the report says they proved such an easy target to developers to whom they entrusted vast sums of capital that fraud was "probably superfluous". They totally negated one of the main aims of involving a partner — that of sharing the development risk — by lending money to them to fund their share of the investment.

Between 1985 and 1990, the level of the commissioners' borrowings rose from £4.7 million to £518 million and by 1991 they were paying £52 million in interest, almost as much as they were paying in stipends and pensions. By 1988, the report says, the proportion of the commissioners' assets held in British retail property had increased to more than 38 per cent. "More dangerous still, this increase in investment in retail property developments has in turn been dominated by a few very large projects."

At Ashford, where £80 million has been spent without a spade being turned, costs spiralled because two partners to whom the commissioners had lent money to enable them to fund their share of the development ran into financial problems. One of the partners, European Land, was a one-man company which even in December 1987 had a deficit of £300,000.

In spite of the huge losses, the Ashford development was not referred to in the text of the commissioners' annual reports until 1993. The site is currently valued, by the commissioners, at between £1 million and £10 million.

The report says: "Almost £35 million was written off. This is money which can never be recovered. However, this problem does not explain how the Commissioners spent £80 million on this débâcle."

The report urges Dr Carey to launch an independent investigation in the Ashford scheme. It adds: "It is difficult not to conclude that the most senior staff and the senior Commissioners presented information which was so wide of the mark that the Church, Parliament and the public could only be misled as to the true cost of making these investments."

THE CHURCH

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- **Expenditure: £145 million in 1993, including £58 million on stipends, £69.4 million on pensions, £6 million on property, and £10.4 million on administration.**
- **Church maintenance: £600 million.**
- **Congregation donations: about £400 million.**
- **Number of paid staff: 11,000, including 8,000 vicars and lay workers, and 44 bishops.**
- **Financial obligations: compensation for vicars who leave over women priests: £2.6 million in 1994.**

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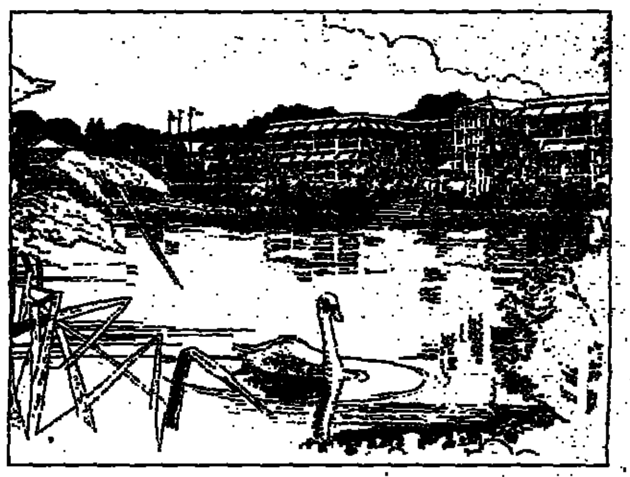
The land known as Ashford Great Park remains a tranquil scene today but the rejected plan, below, was for something more adventurous



'Crazy plan' wasted £80m

ONE of the Church Commissioners' most costly and fruitless spending sprees was a "crazy" plan to build a "mini-town" of 1,500 houses in Ashford, Kent, in the belief that property prices would soar in the Channel Tunnel rail-link corridor. Even after its full inquiry, the committee could not discover how the commissioners spent £80 million and then had planning permission refused by the Environment Secretary.

Worshippers are asked to top up the coffers

THE CONGREGATION

CHURCHGOERS will be forced to bail out the Church of England in the wake of its disastrous investments (Arthur Leathley writes). Senior churchmen acknowledge that the £800 million losses will increase the risk that vicars will lose their jobs, especially in the poorest areas where parishioners are unable to donate more.

Although worshippers have increased weekly donations slightly above the rate of inflation to an average of £2.94, they face increasing pressure from Church leaders to double that sum. However, recent history is not encouraging. Since 1976, the number of regular churchgoers has dwindled from 1.6 million to 1.1 million, while the costs of running the Church have soared from £89 million a year to the current figure of £600 million. The spiralling costs were worrying Church authorities even before they became aware of the scale of property investment losses.

The Church Commissioners contribute £150 million towards those costs but, in the wake of their property losses, they have been told to reduce the amount they invest. They will attempt to reduce their contribution by £32 million over the next three years, leaving parishes to dig deeper into their pockets to maintain their vicars and churches.

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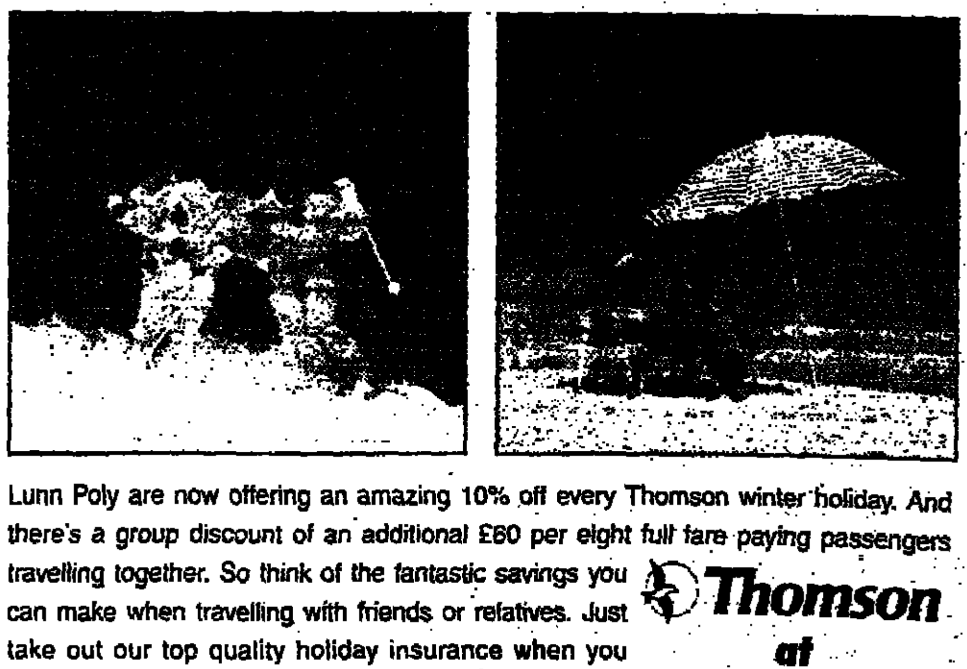

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Ethics committee condemns trade in human spare parts

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

HUMAN organs and tissue should not be bought or sold, an expert committee has concluded. "Spare parts" which are freely given should not become commodities, Professor Dame Rosalinde Hurley, who chaired an inquiry for the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, said yesterday.

Dame Rosalinde also said that individuals should not be able to claim property rights over their own tissue. "Organising the removal and supply of human tissue along commercial lines is unethical. Any payment to donors of tissue may only cover reasonable expenses," she said.

The Committee's report makes a series of recommendations designed to clarify the law and ethical principles that should dictate the use of organs, cells, eggs, sperm and other tissues which are increasingly being used in medicine. Dame Rosalinde, Professor of Microbiology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, said that the law at present was uncertain.

While the committee has not identified any abuses in Britain, the buying and selling of organs for transplantation does occur in some countries. The use of placentas imported from abroad and incorporated into cosmetics caused a row in France while in the United States a patient whose cancer cells provided a valuable basis for research sued the University of California for royalties. His action failed.

To prevent such abuses here, the committee recommends greater regulation and co-ordination. "We are asking the Department of Health to follow up its current review of tissue banking by registering and monitoring the activity of tissue banks," Dame Rosalinde said.

The Nuffield Council of Bioethics is an independent body set up by the Nuffield Foundation. It has no official status but its report, prepared by a committee of acknowledged experts, is likely to carry weight.

It would rule out a variety of activities, including the offer of free medical services in exchange for the donation of tissues such as eggs, which has happened at some fertility clinics. The committee also recommends new consent procedures when tissues are removed. It makes a distinction between patients, whose consent to an operation or diagnostic procedure may be taken to cover any further uses of tissue taken, and volunteers, who should be given explicit information about the intended use of tissue samples and any risks of the procedure.

Dame Rosalinde Hurley

Ian Kennedy, Professor of Medical Law and Ethics at King's College, London, and a member of the committee, admitted that special difficulties arose in the case of those who could not give consent, such as victims of Alzheimer's disease.

"The law says that any intervention has to be in the best interest of the patient," he said. This appeared to preclude taking tissues from incapacitated people, even if doing so might be in the interests of Alzheimer's patients generally. "The law must be changed or a court will have to decide on the best interests," Professor Kennedy said.

The report says that the uses of various kinds of human tissue are constantly widening. In addition to organ transplants, blood transfusions and the use of donated sperm and eggs, new techniques such as tissue engineering are being developed. Liver cells might be removed, for example, and grown on a matrix to create a new organ which could then be implanted into a recipient.

In addition, cell lines from humans can be "immortalised" and used for research, or for producing drugs or vaccines. Even subcellular organisms such as genes are now being used in gene therapy.

Government offers GPs extra cash for night visits

BY NIGEL HAWKES

THE Government has made an improved offer to family doctors to try to end a dispute over payments for night visits. The proposal trebles the amount of money the Department of Health is prepared to contribute.

The BMA is to seek clarification of the terms of the deal, before balloting its members. Dr Ian Bogle, chairman of the BMA's general medical services committee, who negotiated the deal with Gerald Malone, the Health Minister, refused to speculate yesterday on whether the new offer would satisfy GPs.

Doctors currently receive £48.45 for each night visit they make themselves, or £16.15 if the visit is carried out by a deputy. The Government had instead offered an annual lump sum of £2,000 plus £9 per visit between 10pm and 8am. The new package has increased the night-visit payment to £20.

The proposal from Mr Malone says that the health service will make available "an extra £45 million" to family health services authorities and health boards to invest in out-of-hours services. This could be spent on supporting rotas, including GP co-operative services, and special arrangements for rural and isolated doctors, including reimbursement towards the costs of locum cover.

The Government says that "there should be absolutely no doubt that this is the final proposal". The offer is made subject to the condition that, if and when it is put to the membership, it should be done without threat of disruption or sanctions.

The £2,000 annual payment would be made to each GP principal, and the £20 night-visit fee would be payable for all face-to-face consultations by GP principals, assistants, associates and trainees.

Before the ballot takes place, however, Dr Bogle said that he would be seeking clarification of various points, including an assurance that the £45 million reflects additional funding, not redistribution of existing NHS funds; and the position of deputising services.

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NHS boss may lose £150,000 pay-off

BY LIN JENKINS

A HEALTH authority manager who was given a £150,000 golden handshake five years ago could be made to return the money.

The district auditor is investigating the payment made by Oxfordshire Health Authority to Colin Jones, a finance director, when he was made redundant in March 1990 when the authority was trying to make cuts of £1.4 million. Nine months later Mr Jones, 51, became project manager at Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Oxford, where he receives a salary of £48,000.

The auditor is expected to conclude that the severance payment, made up of redundancy pay, compensation and pay in lieu of notice, was unlawful and should be recovered. A test case against North Tyneside Council in 1993 found that redundancy payments above the statutory minimum were illegal and that the council was obliged to recover the excess.

A spokesman for the Audit Commission said: "If you are a private company you can come to any arrangement you like, but a health authority is using public funds." The auditor would take legal advice before making his report.

Caroline Miles, chairman of the authority at the time, said: "In terms of an authority managing a budget of £150 million it was not a large sum. I do not think it was a misuse of taxpayers' money."

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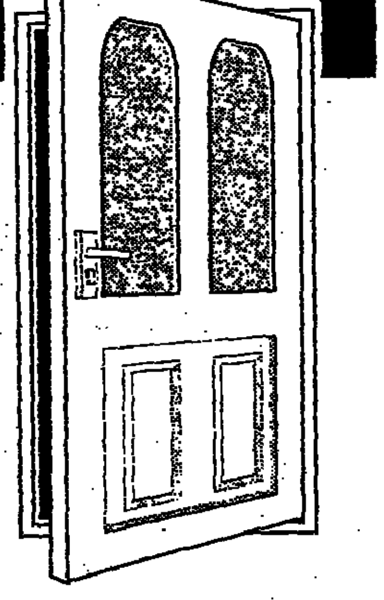

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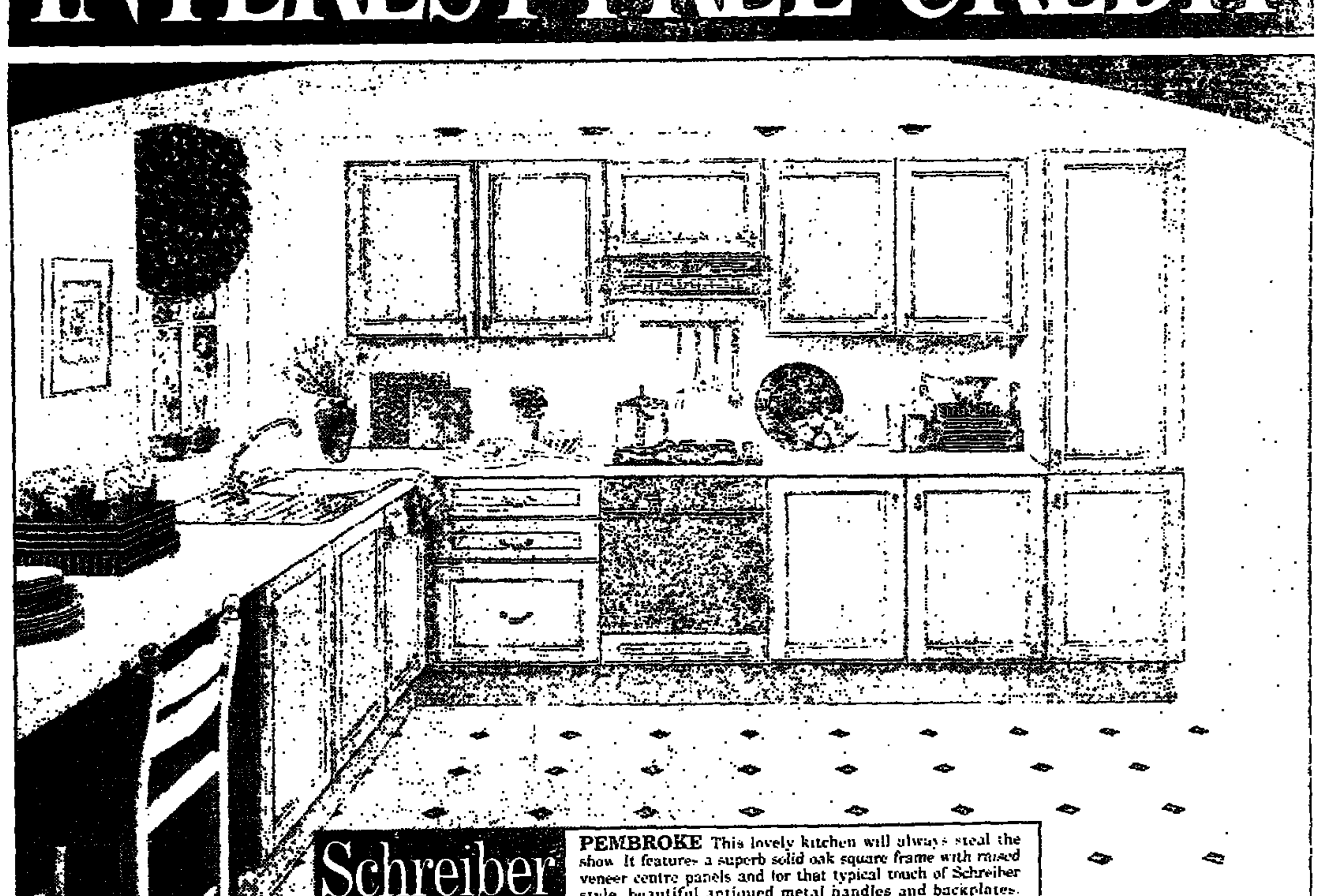

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Spread of dictatorial management style is poisoning the profession, says union

Thousands of teachers 'bullied by parents, heads and governors'

By Ben Preston, education correspondent

THOUSANDS of teachers are being bullied by their colleagues, Britain's second largest teaching union said yesterday. Teachers were pushing each other into nervous breakdowns as the spread of dictatorial management styles poisoned staffroom relations.

The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers voted to campaign for new laws to combat the growth of bullying in the workplace. Delegates at the union's annual conference in Eastbourne were told that head teachers and governors were driving some teachers to an early grave by publicly humiliating and frightening staff with a mixture of sarcasm and threats.

The most common form of bullying was destructive innuendo that undermined teachers' confidence and led to sleepless nights, according to a survey of 3,500 members. Teachers also complained of being shouted at in front of colleagues, being set impossible deadlines, receiving verbal and non-verbal threats, and the intimidatory use of discipline procedures.

The survey showed bullies were most likely to be men in their forties, with women of all ages on the receiving end. Bullying and authoritarian management styles were most common in independent and grant-maintained schools.

Some teachers complained of being snooped on by heads, who arrived unannounced in classes and stood in judgment before leaving without a word. Others objected to parents expert at playing the system who threatened to take complaints about trivial matters over the class teacher's head.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the NASUWT, denied that his 150,000 members were wimps. He called for schools to adopt a collegiate management approach: "What benefit is there in imposing a climate of fear?"

Les Roberts, the union's assistant secretary, who co-ordinated the study, said: "There have always been bullies. Now it appears to have become institutionalised."

Beryl Harries, a teacher in Birmingham, told the conference that teachers were being bullied before, during and after school by colleagues, governors and parents: "Adult bullying can be overt, it can and does take the form of physical threats of finger poking and shouting. It also goes on quietly behind closed doors by innuendo, sarcasm and threat." For some the nightmare ended only with their resignation.

ANDREW HASSON

The Shadow Education Secretary after his standing ovation at the conference in Eastbourne yesterday

Blunkett cheered for warning against strike

DAVID BLUNKETT told teachers yesterday that parents' support for the campaign against large classes would be jeopardised by industrial action (Ben Preston writes).

The Shadow Education Secretary received a standing ovation at the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers conference in Eastbourne, five days after being screamed at by militant teachers at the National Union of Teachers' meeting in Blackpool. Mr Blunkett attacked the Government's record while acknowledging the 150,000-strong union's right to take action against rising class sizes. On Wednesday delegates had agreed a cautious strategy to send children out of big classes only "when all else fails".

Mr Blunkett said that neither strikes nor sending pupils home would be effective. "Whatever you do, don't do it out of frustration and anger in a way that affects my children's education and your children, as well as the children you teach . . . You will not get satisfaction and we will turn against us those that are currently with us."

Mr Blunkett said that restoring discipline and teaching children about rights and responsibilities, so that they left school as socially responsible adults, were essential for securing change.

Pupils hit by prep school closure

By Emma Wilkins

NEW schools are being sought for more than 100 children after a private preparatory school closed abruptly over the Easter holiday.

Bill Niemeyer and his wife Jill, the owners of Salters Hall School in Sudbury, Suffolk, called in liquidators on Tuesday. Parents and 26 members of staff, who have been made redundant, were informed of the decision on Wednesday in letters from a firm of chartered accountants.

The school, where fees were £1,400 a term, was founded in 1940 and was housed in a 13th-century timbered house. It was educating 280 pupils ten years ago but closed with just 102 boys and girls. Independent schools have suffered from declining rolls, the recession, and Lloyds losses; 234 have closed in five years.

Linda Ashwell and Maureen Roberts, who took over as joint principals of the day school in September, heard of the closure from a parent. They are seeking alternative premises for a new school.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Alimentary way to a man's heart

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

EVERY GP learns to scan a patient's bedside table for the presence of a bottle of indigestion medicine or a tell-tale packet of Settlers. Although the patient may have thought that the recurrent pain at the pit of his abdomen or behind his chest was dyspepsia, doctors are all too well aware that they may be dealing with heart disease.

Even the patient's assurance that the pain comes on after meals can be misleading. After a heavy meal the increased blood supply to the gut can so undermine the coronary circulation that the pain may be that of angina from mild cardial ischaemia.

The pain from gastritis, a gastric ulcer or oesophagitis, the inflammation at the lower end of the gullet, are so similar to that of angina that it is all too easy for either patients or doctors to make a wrong diagnosis. Frequently the situation is made more difficult by a patient's fear of heart disease.

An already confused diagnostic problem has been made more difficult by recent research work at St George's Hospital Medical School in London. The study, published in *Gut*, has shown that patients who are infected by *Helicobacter pylori*, the causative organism that plays an important part in the genesis of gastric and duodenal ulceration, is also linked to heart disease.

The research has demonstrated that those who are infected with that organism are four times more likely to have heart disease than other members of the public. The increased risk was independent of factors such as smoking, class, occupation and diet, all of which might have confounded the statistics.

The doctor who prescribed antacids to a patient who he thought had dyspepsia, but in fact had heart disease, may not have been such a fool after all; his or her patient may have had both and indigestion may have preceded the coronary thrombosis.

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Letters invoking Public Order Act clear way for shipment of calves and sheep from Dover harbour

Protest fails after police issue written warnings

By Michael Horsnell and Dominic Kennedy

POLICE tactics defeated a threatened blockade of Dover Harbour by animal rights protesters yesterday as convoys of calves and sheep swept through with only two arrests and a minimum of fuss.

Police had sent individual warning letters to those they believed to be ringleaders of a planned demonstration, reminding them it was an imprisonable offence under the Public Order Act 1986 to incite crowd disorder.

They wrote to fewer than ten activists, including supporters of Compassion in World Farming and the defunct Dover Against Live Exports. A crowd of fewer than 300 gathered beneath the white cliffs at the entrance to Dover Eastern Docks to jeer, chant and hiss but only one tried to run into the path of the lorries. About 400 police were standing by while 100 colleagues escorted a convey of six lorries carrying 1,100 sheep and up to 600 calves headed for the roll-on, roll-off vessel *Cap Canaille*.

The 12.15pm sailing to Dunkirk was a victory for Peter Gilder, the road haulier who took Dover Harbour Board to the High Court for the right to ship live cargo from the port. "People have a right to protest but they don't have a right to smash the windows of our lorries and stop us going about our lawful business," he said. Mr Gilder plans to run a daily service.

A crowd of mainly local enthusiasts, supported by visitors from the countrywide animal-rights network, clustered about a mini-roundabout at the entrance to the Eastern Docks. As the convoy arrived, escorted by two police vans, David Om, 23, of Chatham, wearing a clown mask and banging a tambourine, tried to run into the road but was intercepted by police.

Celia Hammond, a former model, shouted through a megaphone at the officers handling Mr Om: "People are now so afraid to come to the protests, because of threats by the police of invoking the Public Order Act."

Forty minutes later, as the animals were being loaded onto the ship, Mick Bahler, a computer programmer, drove his Ford Fiesta to the roundabout, parked it across the carriageway, locked the doors and chained himself to the steering wheel, belatedly blocking the road to the docks. The frustrated crowd wildly cheered his protest as police manhandled his car to allow traffic to pass.

Mr Bahler's expression changed from amusement to alarm as an officer smashed his passenger window. Police surrounded the car and Mr Bahler, quickly overpowered, was dragged away to be charged under the Public Order Act. "I have no regrets," he said, as three burly police officers pulled him to custody. "I will be back. They did it to the Jews, now they are doing it to animals."

Audrey Eyton, 59, author of the F-Plan diet and founder of *Slimming* magazine, stood by the roadside with a placard reading: "We are not a mob, M'Lord, just ex-Conservative voters." She said she looked forward to seeing images of police breaking windows to balance the picture of an animal rights activist smashing a lorry window.

The other arrested man was a drunk who abused the protesters, calling them mad vegetarians.

Barbara Wilding, Assistant Chief Constable, in charge of the operation, said: "Our role is to keep the peace, allowing legitimate business interests to exist side by side with lawful protest. The letters to the organisers did not constitute a threat. The law is not a threat."

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PHILIP COBURN

Mick Bahler is arrested after blocking the entrance to Dover harbour with his car. Police had broken [illegible]

Tumim: critical of regime

Judge says boredom triggered riot by migrants

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent

AN IMMIGRATION detention centre that was the scene of riots and hunger strikes is criticised today for failing to provide activities to prevent boredom and frustration among inmates.

Judge Tumim expresses concern in his report on Campsfield House, near Oxford, at the limited training given to detention orderlies at the Group 4 centre. He also criticises the long hours they were required to work.

The report says: "The daily management of detainees was dealt with by inadequately trained detention orderlies, and achieved against a background of uncertainty over their role, a lack of any effective means to cope with difficult incidents, and a lack of co-ordination between Group 4 and the Immigration Service." It adds that there was a "professional and caring approach" towards the 163 men and 36 women held at the centre, but that very few staff had experience of custodial work.

Judge Tumim conducted his inspection at the invitation of Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, after a protest in March last year when 140 of the 199 detainees refused food, and a two-day riot in June when eight detainees escaped. He blames the unrest on the rapid increase in inmates and the failure to establish routines.

The report accepts that conditions had improved since the inspection in September, but calls for more imagination to be used to provide structured activities, including more English education, use of the craft room, the supply of foreign newspapers and allowing inmates to work in the centre to earn money.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Patient's death led to doctor's suicide

The Merseyside coroner recorded a suicide verdict yesterday on a young anaesthetist found dead in a Liverpool hotel room from an overdose of phenobarbitone. A colleague at a Crewe hospital said that Dr Marcella Thomas wrongly blamed herself when a patient died during an operation. Dr Roger Okell, a colleague at Leighton Hospital, said Canadian-born Dr Thomas had sunk into a deep depression and described her life as futile. She wrote a farewell note to her father in Australia.

Ferry repair

Salvage teams in Jersey have begun to repair the catamaran ferry *Saint-Malo* which was holed on Monday. About 20 of the 300 passengers who were on board are still in hospital. Two Department of Transport investigators have been called in and first indications are that human error was the cause.

Crushed by crane

A teenager suffered head and spinal injuries when her boyfriend accidentally stepped on a pedal in the cab of a crane, releasing the jib and crushing her. Andrew Farr had asked Karen Parry, 19, from Wrexham, Clwyd, to photograph him in the crane, unattended in a layby on the A529 near Market Drayton.

Cyprus trial

The trial in Cyprus of three British soldiers charged with the rape and murder of a Danish woman in September has had to be rescheduled because one of the three trial judges has been promoted. The three members of the Royal Green Jackets are due in court on May 15, when a new trial date will be set.

Detector detected

Police arrested the driver of a television licence detector van operating in Wolverhampton during a clampdown on tax dodgers after he was seen picking up a prostitute. A report has been sent to the Crown Prosecution Service to see whether the driver, who is a Royal Mail employee, should be charged.

Expenses inquiry

Jeremy Lever, QC, is to lead the independent inquiry into claims of irregularities in expenses claimed by Neil Merritt, who resigned as Vice-Chancellor of Portsmouth University over the allegations. The inquiry will also look at the departure of Professor John Pickering, a deputy vice-chancellor.

Snake and ladder

Firemen who were called to rescue a family pet trapped on the roof of a house in Bromley, southeast London, found themselves dealing with a 13ft python. The snake, called Friday, became stuck in guttering after escaping from a window. It wrapped itself around a fireman and was carried down a ladder.

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New predator develops a taste for the prey that dolphins have been killing for fun

Scientists blame rogue seals for porpoise deaths

By Edward Gorman

SCIENTISTS are investigating a series of attacks by grey seals on porpoises, a marine conservation group said yesterday. The investigation comes amid further reports of killings of porpoises by dolphins in the Cromarty Firth on the east coast of Scotland.

Attacks by dolphins have been well documented in the past two years, but similar behaviour by grey seals has never been described. Sea Watch, a Sussex-based dolphin and whale conservation group, has received three reports of incidents in which grey seals had killed and eaten porpoises.

Two attacks were observed in Newbiggin Bay off Northumberland in March. A earlier episode occurred off the west coast of the Isle of Man when a grey seal caught and ate a young porpoise. Paul Vodden, of Sea Watch, said: "These attacks are quite unprecedented. We are taking the reports very seriously, they have all come from very reliable sources.

"In the past seals have only ever been known as fish eaters, but some have turned on cetaceans like porpoises and dolphins," he added. The group has no explanation for the change in behaviour but Mr Vodden said one of the most likely causes was that rogue seals had learnt to kill porpoises and, like man-eating tigers, had developed a taste for their new prey.

Robertson: saw attack

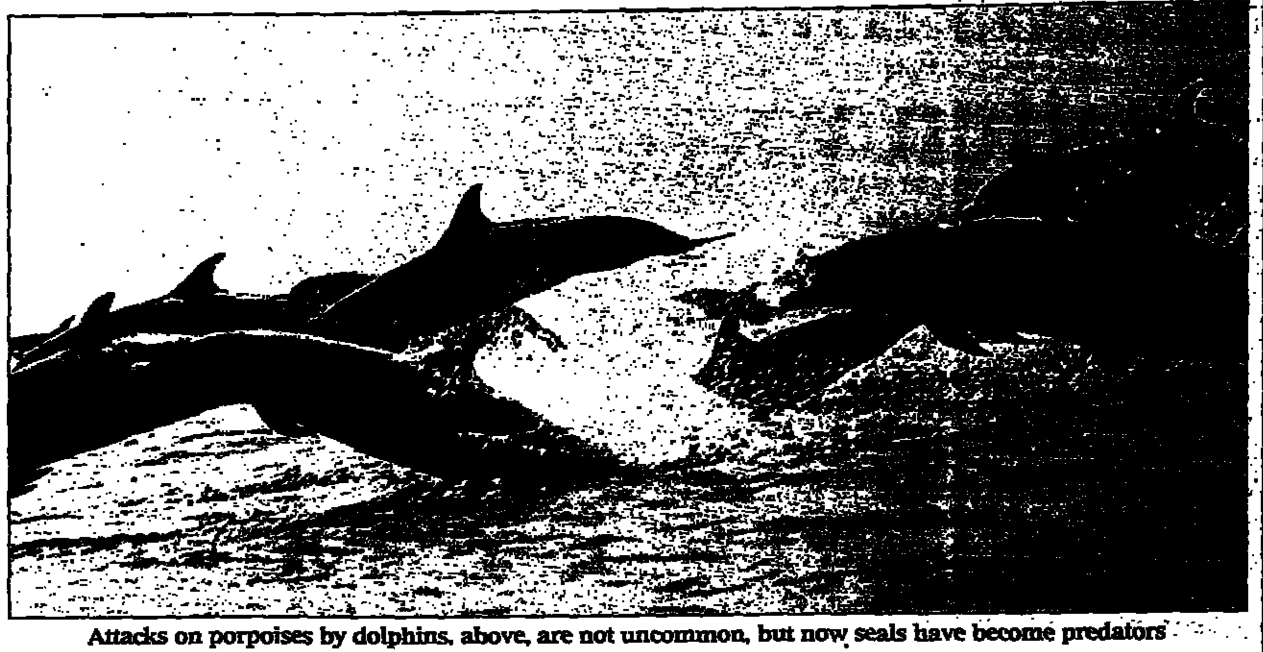
He discounted suggestions that the attacks were the result of brain damage caused by pollution or that they may be linked to declining fish stocks for which seals, porpoises and dolphins compete.

Scientists are equally baffled by the spate of attacks by dolphins on harbour porpoises in the Cromarty and Moray Firths. More than 40 were killed between 1991 and 1993. Many were found washed up on shore with their rib-cages crushed and livers and lungs ruptured, though there has been no evidence that dolphins have been killing them for food.

In the latest account, the captain of the Cromarty Firth Port Authority's pilot boat *Elma G* described a "systematic" killing of a baby porpoise on Tuesday night by four dolphins. "It was organised. I can't think of any other description," Captain Norrie Robertson said. "There were four mature dolphins — and one baby porpoise being systematically clubbed to death. In one attack the speed of the dolphin seemed to impale the porpoise on its snout."

Captain Robertson added that he had always looked upon the dolphin as the seaman's friend and had often swum with them, something he would never do again. Mike Hancox, a local man who was the first to film an attack on porpoises by dolphins, said: "This destroys the myth of the cuddly, Flipper-type dolphin and puts them in the category of wild animals sustaining themselves by instinct and protecting their territory."

About 130 bottlenose dolphins live in the Moray Firth. They can grow to 14ft and swim at up to 20mph. There are also dolphin groups in Cardigan Bay, west Wales, and off the Cornish coast. Harbour porpoises are up to 5ft feet long. Several hundred pass through the Moray Firth each year.


IAN JOLLY

Attacks on porpoises by dolphins, above, are not uncommon, but now seals have become predators

Prime savings on best of British beef

By Victoria Walker

BRITISH beef is excellent value this weekend. Asda is offering topside/silverside at £1.99 a lb, down from £2.65p; Safeway has brisket at £1.88p a lb and Somerfield has topside, silverside and top rump at 2.28 a lb. Harrods is offering a whole forerib for £2.80 a lb.

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Harrods: Thai chicken salad (100g) £2.90; whole plaice, £6.50 a kg; mozzarella £3.65 each.

Iceland: steak and ale £1.99; barbecue ribsteaks

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£1.69; Sara Lee party-size double chocolate gateau £1.99.

Safeway: brisket of beef £1.88 a lb; 12 frozen Yorkshire puddings 69p; pork sausages (454g) 74p.

Sainsbury's: loose breccoli 55p a lb; cottage cheese with chives/pineapple (227g) 69p; Parma ham (prepacked 70g) £1.69.

Somerfield: Galia melons £1.39; Mexican roast chicken bites (8oz) £1.99; smoked haddock fillet £2.39 a lb.

Tesco: asparagus bundle 1.99; shoulder of lamb £1.59 a lb; king prawns £1.89 a ¼lb; blue Stilton wedges £2.49 a lb.

Waitrose: baby new potatoes (500g) 99p; salad onions 39p a bunch; whole Scottish salmon £1.99 a lb; quiche lorraine £1.49.

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Visa said: "If you do want to complain, it often helps to write down the facts beforehand. You should always try to avoid being confrontational and should complain as soon as you possibly can, while the facts are fresh in your mind."

Luftwaffe puts public footpath on the map

By Michael Hornsby

AN aerial photograph taken by the Luftwaffe at the beginning of the Second World War is to be a crucial exhibit in the battle to restore a public footpath.

The black and white print, one of thousands seized by the Americans in Berlin at the end of the war, was taken in 1939 or 1940. It will be produced in the council chamber of Malton, North Yorkshire, next Tuesday as evidence that the path, now blocked, existed 56 years ago.

Des Reed, a councillor who has lived in Malton all his life, became aware of the photograph's existence during an earlier dispute over rights of navigation on the River Derwent, which runs through the small town (population 6,000). He now has it hanging on his sitting-room wall. Mr Reed said: "The path has been used by local folk as long as I can remember and I am 73."

Malton Town Council wants the path entered on the county's "definitive map" and recognised as a right of way. Thirty-five people have asked for it to be re-opened.

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HEALTH TOKEN FOUR

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Suspended Tories apologise for 'error of judgment'

By James Landale and Alice Thomson

THE two MPs at the centre of the cash-for-questions affair apologised to their parliamentary colleagues yesterday for damaging the reputation of the House of Commons.

Graham Riddick, MP for Colne Valley, accepted that he had made a "serious error of judgment", for which he had already apologised in July last year. He said: "I willingly repeat that apology once again to the Commons this afternoon." He then promised to re-dedicate himself to his constituents and left the Chamber.

David Tredinnick, MP for Bosworth, told the Speaker: "I wish to offer my unreserved apologies to you and the whole House for the error which I made last year. It is a matter of very considerable regret to me that I should have done anything which could have damaged the reputation of this House. I very much regret what has occurred and ask the House to accept my sincere apologies."

The two MPs addressed the House before a debate on the Privileges Committee's recommendation that Mr Tredinnick be banned from the House for 20 sitting days and Mr Riddick for ten days: both without pay, for conduct that "fell below the standards of the House". The sanctions were for being willing to accept £1,000 for tabling questions in the Commons. The money had been offered by undercover journalists from *The Sunday Times*.

As Mr Tredinnick left the Chamber, Tony Newton, the Leader of the House, who tabled the motion calling for the Privileges Committee's recommendation to be accepted, said the matter had been the most difficult and unpleasant that he had dealt with over [redacted] his 20 years in Parliament. He said that the 17 members of the Committee, of which he is chairman, had done a service to the House by agreeing the recommendation unanimously.

"The reputation of the House has inescapably been damaged," he said. "We all want to do what we can to restore it. The most effective step we can take today is for the House to accept without variation the unanimous report which the committee has produced."

Ann Taylor, Shadow Leader of the House, said that the action of a couple of MPs had undermined the reputation of all MPs and urged the House to support the motion unchanged. "It is essential if standards of propriety are to be maintained that we make it clear not only to this House but also, and more importantly, to the public outside that certain types of behaviour are unacceptable and that such behaviour must and will carry sanctions from this House."

Mrs Taylor said that she accepted the committee's criticism of *The Sunday Times* for the way in which it carried out its investigation and said that bugging and entrapment were actions that could not be condoned. However, criticism of the newspaper should not detract from the seriousness of the charges against the two MPs.

John Biffin, a former leader of the House, said that the two MPs had committed "breathtaking errors of judgment" although he believed in their "total integrity" as political colleagues.

John Morris (Lab, Aberavon), a member of the Privileges Committee, said that the conduct of *The Sunday Times's* "fell substantially below the standards expected of legitimate journalism". The use of clandestine recordings was despicable.

He said: "I suspect that if a policeman had used methods employed by *The Sunday Times*, there would have been 'shock-horror' expressed in many leading articles in more than one newspaper."

Sir Cranley Onslow (C, Woking), also on the Privileges Committee, accused *The Sunday Times* of suppressing the fact that the committee had found that entrapment had taken place. He told the House that the committee had found no support whatever for the newspaper's allegation that asking questions for cash was common practice. "I find it regrettable that this respectable newspaper should have brought a stinking mess to the door of the House of Commons and refused to help the Privileges Committee to clear it up," he said.

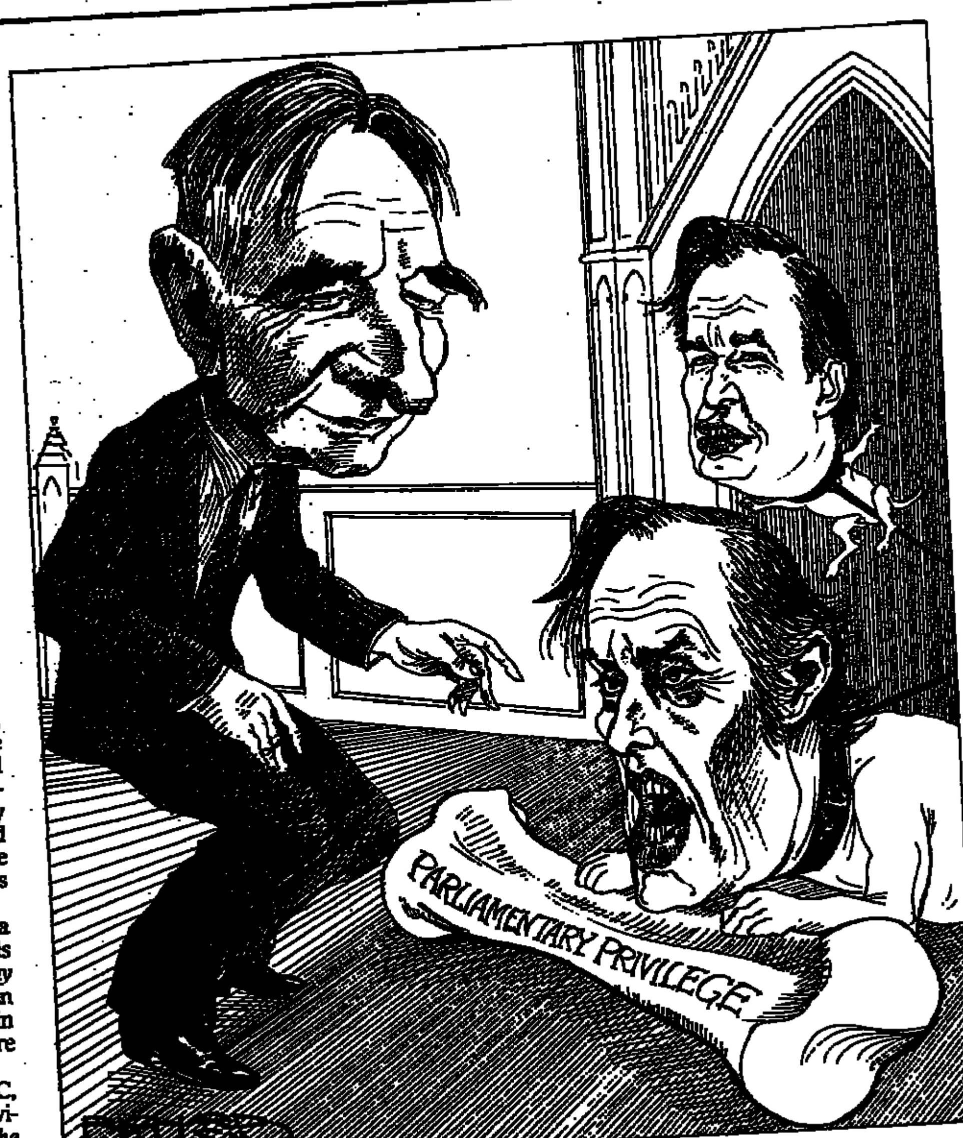
David Alton (Lib Dem, Liverpool Mossley Hill), said that the two MPs should not be permanantly expelled. Both had been parliamentary private secretaries and both might well have aspired to become ministers, and their careers were probably now in ruins.

Tony Benn (Lab, Chesterfield) who was removed from the Privileges Committee because he insisted on publishing accounts of its private proceedings, said that it was an "outrage" that such an important matter should be dealt with in a two-hour debate. "The whole thing is the most ghastly whitewash and cover-up of the real question," he said. "It should be quite straightforward. Certain things should be legal and certain things should be illegal."

Michael Alison (C, Selby) said that the newspaper had undertaken "an elaborate, deliberate and technically adroit conspiracy to deceive Mr Tredinnick" and his punishment was unfair.

> ❝The reputation of the House of Commons has inescapably been damaged❞

Graham Riddick, left, and David Tredinnick: "undermined the reputation of all MPs"



Nolan will recommend new Commons watchdog

By Nigel Williamson, Whitehall Correspondent

THE Nolan committee is to recommend that an independent ombudsman oversee the conduct of MPs.

The proposal was agreed by the committee yesterday at its penultimate meeting before presenting its report on standards in public life to the Prime Minister next month. The report will also recommend that former ministers must seek guidance from a vetting committee before taking private sector jobs.

Lord Nolan has taken as his model for the new regulator Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor General, whose staff at the National Audit Office independently monitor public expenditure but report to the Commons all-party Public Accounts Committee. Such a model would leave the final say over MPs' behaviour with the House of Commons, which could put any recommendations to a vote. "Constitutionally you cannot take that away from the House," a Nolan committee source said. "But if you set it up as a serious operation, MPs would find it almost impossible to ignore."

The new "ethics auditor" would probably report to the Privileges Committee, which proposed the suspension of the "cash for questions" MPs, Graham Riddick and David Tredinnick.

The Nolan proposals were immediately criticised by those who felt that the traditional self-regulation of MPs was being unacceptably eroded. The Tory MP Sir James Spicer, a member of the Privileges Committee, said: "There can be no tougher jury out on anybody who commits any malfeasance than a committee of one's peers. We have shown that we will deal very toughly with those who transgress."

However, the Labour MP Tony Benn said that the proposals did not go far enough and demanded a law to prevent MPs taking cash from businesses that hoped to influence them.

David Hunt, the Public Services Minister, told the Nolan committee in February that present guidelines for former ministers moving to the private sector were adequate. Lord Nolan has concluded that this is contrary to public opinion. He will propose that former ministers be required to consult a business appointments committee similar to the one that vets senior civil servants.

The committee's guidance would lack any power of legal enforcement. However, Lord Nolan believes that former ministers would find it impossible to ignore advice to wait before taking up an appointment.

Lord Nolan will also advise that MPs should not act as paid lobbyists but should remain free to represent specific interests, such as a trade union or professional body.

MPs' reputations depend on formal rules and scrutiny

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

If anything more was needed to justify the Nolan inquiry into standards of conduct in public life, it was yesterday's debate on the "cash for questions" affair. It was an exercise in symbolism, either waiting for or heading off Nolan, though many Tory backbenchers saw it as another opportunity to attack the press. The Commons had to be seen to be acting toughly and the two MPs, Graham Riddick and David Tredinnick, were duly apologetic, reproved and punished. They obviously behaved wrongly and stupidly but the severity of their proposed penalty of suspension from the House was a direct response to the mood of the times rather justified by any precedents. There is no evidence of widespread corruption among MPs, or, to use that irritatingly vague term, sleaze. The problem is more one of the absence of agreed standards of behaviour at a time when more MPs are taking up consultancies.

The Privileges Committee report attempted to take the high moral ground, but it did so in a fog. The Speaker's comment when the Privileges Committee was set up last July that it should look "into the principles of the law and custom of privilege" was overtaken by the creation of the Nolan inquiry three months later. The committee decided that in view of Nolan, it would not consider these wider issues until a later stage. But that has undermined the whole point of the inquiry. However fair and balanced the inquiry was, the whole edifice rested on shaky foundations without clear or agreed principles of conduct.

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney General, and Sir Clifford Boulton, then Clerk of the House, conceded in their memoranda uncertainties not only about the law affecting MPs but also about the rules of the House on members' interests. Sir Clifford's memorandum noted drily that "the House has never attempted to deal comprehensively with the potential conflicts of interest that can arise when the business or professional interests of members touch upon their duties and responsibilities as members".

Bribery of an MP is not a statutory offence though since a ruling in 1992 it *may* be an offence at common law. However, the Attorney-General admitted conflicting views. The Privileges Committee argued that cases of bribery had applied to obtaining a member's vote or influence and were not of the same character as offering a payment for tabling a question. Nevertheless, the committee concluded, that "such an offer, if made and accepted on that basis and no other, is certainly dishonourable and damaging to the standing and reputation of Parliament".

But there are no precise guidelines, as Tony Benn pointed out, and the committee was reduced to pointing out that "there is a general obligation upon members not to allow their conduct to fall below the standards which the House is entitled to expect of them". But this is so vague as to be meaningless in practice. This formula resembles the familiar catch-all charge against footballers of bringing the game into disrepute.

Tony Newton, leader of the Commons, Ann Taylor, his Labour shadow, and members of the Privileges Committee admitted their unhappiness at investigating fellow MPs. Existing procedures should, and probably will, change following Nolan. John Biffen put the matter in this broader context. He endorsed the likely Nolan proposal that such investigations should involve more than just MPs, with a new ethics office like the National Audit Office reporting to the Commons. But MPs would still take final decisions. In addition, Mr Biffen suggested that evidence should generally be taken in public and those being investigated should have the right of legal representation and cross-examination. Overall, like Mr Benn, he accepted that the behaviour of MPs should be brought within the framework of law. To safeguard their own reputations, MPs need formal rules and independent scrutiny.

PETER RIDDELL

Tory councils to become a rarity

By Ian Murray, Community Correspondent

THE Tories can be confident of keeping absolute control in only nine of England's 306 metropolitan and shire district councils after the local government elections next month.

The party has a majority on 66 councils at present, but the bulk of these are vulnerable to swings of under 10 per cent. On seven councils the loss of one seat on May 4 will cost the Tories their majority and in a further 12 authorities they are in danger of being ousted if they lose two or three seats.

They can be reasonably certain of hanging onto four of their councils, including Huntingdon, the Prime Minister's constituency, largely because only a third of the seats there are subject to the election this year. That factor may also help them to defend their two-seat majority in Macclesfield.

Research by Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher, of Plymouth University's local elections centre, shows that absolute control of 15 councils would be lost with a swing from Tory to Labour of no more than 9 per cent. They include Castle Point in Essex, where there are 35 Tories and four Labour members on the outgoing council, and Bracknell Forest in Berkshire, where all 40 seats were held by the Tories in 1987.

The Liberal Democrats would need swings away from the Tories of up to 8 per cent to deprive them of absolute control in another 14 councils, most of them in the Home Counties and the South. They include the new unitary authority being created in North West Somerset, which is taking over the area of Woodspring district council. The Liberal Democrats also seem certain to take control of the new unitary authority on the Isle of Wight. A further 14 Tory councils are vulnerable to tactical voting and would fall only if there were a swing away from the Tories to both the main opposition parties at the same time. Continued Tory control in Hove, Wycombe and Tonbridge will therefore depend on the party's ability to fight on both fronts at once.

In the past voters have shied away from tactical voting but there are signs that at least in some areas the Government's unpopularity is giving rise to anti-Tory sentiment rather than support for the other parties. This happened last year at Rushmoor (Aldershot) where a similar swing this year of 8 per cent to both Labour and Liberal Democrats would be enough to deprive the Tories of their majority.

Of those councils where the Tories are most likely to retain absolute control, the safest of all appears to be Rushcliffe in Nottinghamshire, the seat of Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor. He may thus emerge from the elections as one of the few Tory MPs representing a constituency where the local council is Tory-controlled.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to Home Office ministers and the Prime Minister followed by debates on a report from the Committee of Privileges recommending suspension of the Tory MPs Graham Riddick (Colne Valley) and David Tredinnick (Bosworth) over the cash-for-questions affair. In the Lords: debates on Statute Law (Repeals) Bill and Jobseekers Bill. TODAY in the Commons: the Carers (Recognition and Services) Bill and the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill reach committee stage. The House of Lords is not sitting.

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Concern over ethnic tension prompts warning against speculation about identity of bombers

Arab groups in US reject Islamic link with attack

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE Oklahoma bombing has focused renewed attention on the Arab-American population, and in particular on the small but distinctive Islamic community in the city.

As in the wake of the World Trade Centre bombing in 1993, Arab-American community leaders have been quick to reject speculation that the attack may have been the work of Islamic fundentalists.

"Every Muslim group, every Arab-American group that we've spoken with today, is as struck by the tragedy as every other American," James Zogby, head of the Arab-American Institute said yesterday. "I think all of us ought to be careful about speculating."

According to early reports, several people professing to represent various Muslim organisations claimed responsibility for the attack in the hours after the bombing, but the FBI has refused to identify any one group while following up "hundreds of leads". One of the earliest such calls, one hour after the explosion, came from a man claiming to represent The Nation of Islam, the black Muslim group based in

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Chicago. A Nation of Islam spokesman emphatically denied the group had anything to do with the attack, and Government officials were quick to dismiss the call as a probable hoax that may have been calculated to foment racial tension.

Immediately after the bombing, police in Texas were alerted to search for "two men of Middle Eastern appearance" driving in the direction of the Mexican border. Some reports even suggested, highly improbably, that the suspects were wearing traditional Arab garments and headwear.

The state of Oklahoma is home to an estimated 5,000 Muslims, mostly at the University of Tulsa, which offers courses in petroleum engineering and computer science. Islamic fundamentalists reportedly held a conference in Tulsa last weekend and a similar meeting two years ago included a live satellite link-up with Tehran. There is also an Islamic Centre in Oklahoma City and recent efforts have been made to infiltrate radical Islamic groups in the state, according to Bruce Hoffman, of the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at St Andrew's University.

Oklahoma City has been the venue for a series of Islamic conferences in recent years, including one in 1992 when 6,000 people applauded calls for "Jihad" (Holy War) against Jews, according to Steven Emerson, the producer of a recent television documentary, *Jihad in America*. That programme cited Oklahoma City as one link in a broad Islamic fundamentalist network originating in New Jersey, Texas and Illinos.

The American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee condemned "speculation as to the ethnicity of the suspects," but William Webster, the former CIA and FBI director, noted that Wednesday's attack had the distinctive "hallmarks" of a Middle Eastern terror attack.

Some terrorism experts say that the attack may have been in retaliation for the arrest in Pakistan of Ramzi Ahmed Yousef, the man accused of masterminding the bombing of the World Trade Centre in 1993.

Four men have been sentenced to life imprisonment for carrying out that bombing, and 11 more Islamic fundamentalists are on trial in New York charged with conspiring to blow up various city landmarks. On Wednesday night the defendants, including blind Sheikh Abdel Rahman, were segregated from the rest of the jail population in Riker's Island prison for their own protection. The judge refused to sequester the jury and told jurors to ignore suggestions that the Oklahoma bombing may be connected to the World Trade Centre plot.

Six further alleged conspirators were charged with illegal possession of firearms and explosive in a Manila court yesterday. They were arrested earlier this month after a police raid on a flat uncovered a cache of weapons, bombs, computer disks and taped sermons by Sheikh Rahman. Philippines police yesterday arrested a Turkish man, Delioogan Ali Faz, 20, suspected of terrorist activities as he arrived in Manila en route to London. The six men on trial in Manila include a Jordanian, two Omanis, a citizen of The United Arab Emirates, a Syrian and Palestinian. Police believe that the group are members of a breakaway faction of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, and planned to attack American and Saudi businessmen working in the Philippines. The group is also believed to have links with Mr Yousef. American prosecutors say that he recruited and organised the Trade Centre bombers six months before the attack. The authorities allege that Mr Yousef planned to blow up two American airliners in the Far East last January.

Six Muslims suspected of involvement in the World Trade Centre bombing appear on firearms charges in a Manila court yesterday

Clinton accused of double standards

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

CONSERVATIVE and Unionist politicians yesterday accused President Clinton of double standards after he condemned the bombing weeks after fêting Gerry Adams in Washington.

The MPs all expressed deep sympathy for the victims, but used America's worst terrorist atrocity to underline their anger at the President's invitation last month to Mr Adams to a White House reception.

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, said: "I could only feel a sense of nausea when I heard President Clinton saying that killers should be treated as killers while he treats Northern Ireland's killers as distinguished guests." The MP for East Belfast called on Mr Clinton to reverse his decision to allow Mr Adams to raise funds in America.

The Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionists, described the bombing as a barbaric act of terrorism. But he added: "I wonder what the American people would say if

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the Queen invited the people responsible ... to come to Buckingham Palace to be hailed as a world leader."

David Wilshire, the Conservative MP for Spelthorne, said the bombing should prompt America to review its policy to "apologists for terrorism in Northern Ireland". In a letter to Admiral William Crowe, the US Ambassador to Britain, Mr Wilshire condemned the "evil killers" who planted the bomb. He added: "I want to applaud the President's swift and clear denunciation of this wanton and evil act of terrorism. However, I would be fascinated to learn how he is able to differentiate between this bomb and these terrorists and the IRA killers who bomb London and maim innocent people in the United Kingdom."

John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, sent a letter of sympathy to Mr Clinton on behalf of the Irish people.

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'Suddenly the building caved in around us — and then seven of my colleagues literally vanished'

Blast sends shockwave through Midwest

Fear turned to anger as Oklahoma City's army of volunteers tried to find hope amid the bomb debris, ***Tom Rhodes*** *reports*

A fireman picks his way gingerly through the tangled wreckage of the Alfred Murrah building in Oklahoma City yesterday, searching for any remaining survivors

AMY PETTY was on the third floor of the Federal Building in Oklahoma City when her normally humdrum existence was shattered for ever. When the bomb exploded she fell four storeys to the basement, landing like a rag doll in a cement tomb of rubble and debris.

"It was like an earthquake, followed by the strange sense of falling," she said from her hospital bed yesterday. "When the rescue team left me there after another bomb scare, I honestly thought I would die. I know I was screaming. I don't know how long I was down there, it seemed like forever."

Finally, three firemen discovered her, moaning beneath the plasterboard and twisted metal that had once been her clerical insurance office. She was more fortunate than many. Miraculously, no bones had been broken and a deep wound in the right leg will be her only physical reminder of America's worst act of terrorism.

As the search for more survivors continued yesterday in the devastated shell of the Alfred Murrah building in Oklahoma, the cries, moans and faint tapping on rubble — the only signs of life in an otherwise desolate landscape — had stopped, leaving only the sound of mechanical diggers and hundreds of tired volunteers trying to find hope where there was none.

Their overnight labours had freed only a handful of survivors, the last a 15-year-old girl who had been found the previous evening. The body count mounted with a relentless certainty that many of the younger rescuers found difficult to stomach. There had been, simply, too much blood.

One fireman broke down as he emerged from the remains. He had found a small child's shoe and an American flag in the wreckage. "It said it all," he said, tears streaming down his face. "I never want to see anything like that again as long as I live."

Those who had lived through the nightmare told their own tales of horror. Brian Espe, a consultant, had been organising a slide show on the fifth floor when the device exploded. "It all happened so quickly," he said. "Suddenly the building caved in around us and there was a sheer drop on every side. I was standing there and then seven of my colleagues literally vanished."

The rescue workers, their heads bent with stress and faces covered in soot, had made frequent but tentative forays inside. The building was not safe and only limited numbers could enter.

Dr David Tuggle, from the University hospital, was forced to amputate the leg of a woman trapped by a metal bar. She had lived but the doctor still bore the mental scars.

"Nothing could have prepared me for this," he said. "She was lying in a pool of water and had lost a lot of blood. We told her we had to remove the limb, and then operated with only a local anaesthetic. She was very alert to start with but had lost consciousness by the end."

By yesterday much of the initial fear and strain had turned to anger. The shockwaves of the explosion, shattering windows in nearby buildings and hurling employees from their desks, had been felt in the agricultural heartland 30 miles away and generated a state-wide, and nationwide, sense of revulsion. Frank Lucas, the congressman for downtown Oklahoma, said his press and appointment secretary sitting in a nearby office block had been blown across the room. "We Oklahomans, we Americans, must not let ourselves be manipulated from our daily course of life," he said. "The government must redouble its efforts in keeping track of radical groups in this country."

Few people could believe that the regular peace of Oklahoma City, the "buckle" of America's Bible Belt, could have been so violated. It was an affront to the entire United States. "This is not the Middle East, this is the Mid West." Jim Inhofe, the Republican senator, said. "It is like a scene from Beirut or Bosnia back there."

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Nation's sense of security shattered

By Martin Fletcher

AMERICA struggled yesterday to comprehend a chilling new truth. Terrorism is no longer something that afflicts just the Middle East or Europe. Whoever planted the bomb has carried this late 20th century scourge into the heartland of America and shattered the nation's sense of security.

The country believed New York's World Trade Centre bomb in 1993 was a one-off attack by amateurs. In any case, most Americans regard New York as almost foreign. Wednesday's explosion destroyed any such complacency.

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Oklahoma City is about as typical a provincial city as you could find, a quiet metropolis of 450,000 people that sprawls across 600 square miles of arid plain where the Midwest meets the South. It is the "buckle" of the Bible Belt, with more churches than almost any other city in the country, and a place where the sale of mixed drinks was banned before the early 1980s. It is a city built on oil, stockyards and the Tinker Air Force base. Its residents used jokingly to call it "the town where nothing much ever happens". Before Wednesday, Oklahoma City's biggest claims to fame were the invention of the shopping trolley, the installation of the world's first parking meters, and the oil wells under the state Capitol.

President Clinton yesterday ordered all flags flown at half mast as the *Los Angeles Times* declared that America's "illusion of immunity is shattered ... The age of innocence is ending as Americans realise that terrorism is no longer something threatening other people in other countries".

With Wednesday's bomb "on a bright Midwest morning in downtown Oklahoma City, terrorism crossed a terrible threshold", said *USA Today*. "This doesn't happen here," *The New York Times* reported. "It happens in countries so far away, so different, they might as well be on the dark side of the moon." *The Washington Times's* front-page headline read simply: "Even in Oklahoma."

Dave McCurdy, a former Oklahoma congressman, said that the bomb "shakes the fundamental faith people have in their security across this country".

The shockwaves registered within hours across the country. Panicky evacuations of government buildings occurred in Boston, Miami, Philadelphia, Baltimore and at least half a dozen other cities. In Washington the Hoover Building, headquarters of the FBI, was evacuated following two hoax calls, and bomb squads were called to three other government buildings in the capital. Security at the White House and Capitol was redoubled.

Yesterday police briefly evacuated the international arrivals terminal at Boston's Kennedy airport after a bomb scare, and the Boston subway system was evacuated after a bomb threat. In Washington more than 250,000 government workers faced stringent security checks before entering their offices. In Atlanta a routine security practice involving a fake car bomb in preparation for next year's Olympic Games took on a whole new meaning.

A sheriff's deputy and a US Army vehicle patrol the streets near the bombed building

A simple way to create carnage

By Ben Macintyre

BOMBS

THE indiscriminate bloodshed and destruction wreaked by the bomb may be almost incomprehensible, but creating such a weapon is chillingly easy.

The explosive was probably made from chemicals and fertilisers which can be bought, cheaply and in bulk, at petrol stations and garden centres in any American town. Constructing the device requires little expertise, since instructions on how to fashion home-made bombs are published in more than 1,000 handbooks and on the Internet. Federal officials believe the Oklahoma bomb consisted of at least 1,000lb of explosives packed into a car or van and detonated by a battery and a simple alarm clock mechanism or a remote-control device. The bomb used in the World Trade Centre in New York in 1993 was made by mixing fertiliser and other chemicals in plastic dustbins. A blasting cap used in that bomb was the only element in the device subject to government control.

Shadowy attackers shun the spotlight of publicity

By Lawrence Freedman

COMMENTARY

WE APPEAR to have entered the age of the apolitical terrorist, with outrages committed for no evident purpose. Political terrorism is an all too familiar feature of modern life, typically involving aggrieved groups who, unable to succeed by conventional means, generate fear among ordinary people to put pressure on governments.

When the PLO hijacked an airliner or the IRA detonated a bomb in the City of London, their methods were denounced. But those responsible were known and their motives largely understood.

Of Wednesday's three headline acts of terrorism, the attempted murder of an opposition leader by Basque separatists in Madrid comes into this category. The two other acts are far more mysterious.

The presumption in Japan is that the noxious fumes released into Yokohama station have something to do with the Aum Shinrikyo cult and an attempt to make reality conform to its tragic, fantastical view of the world. With the Oklahoma blast the position is even more bizarre.

The bombing could be part of a campaign: two years ago a bomb clearly linked to a radical Islamic group was placed in the World Trade Centre in New York. If Oklahoma was part of this campaign, it is strange that nobody has bothered to make an authoritative link. If the outrage was supposed to deliver a message, then the symbolism of this particular building in this particular city will remain obscure until someone offers enlightenment.

The Oklahoma attack might be linked to the Middle East, but Islamic groups are not the only ones with a grudge against America. It remains possible that the act was committed by a religious sect (such as the Branch Davidians) or a local group with its peculiar grudges. Even criminals may have been behind it.

> ‘When political logic is unintelligible, it becomes even harder to protect the public’

The difficulty is that it does not require an enormous effort to cause such mayhem. The know-how and the raw materials are accessible and do not require complex supply lines from a sponsoring state. There is therefore no need for radical Arab governments or groups such as Hamas or Hezbollah to accept the ignominy or the risks of retaliation by initiating such terrorism. If they dare not make direct links between outrages and their political demands, they may as well leave the field open to self-motivated militants.

On the supposition that those responsible knew what they were up to, why have they not tried to extract some political value? This may not reflect the absence of a strategic calculus as much as its eccentric character.

They do not necessarily see themselves as trying to coerce Western governments into big concessions through a process of deadly bargaining, which is the way we naturally tend to think of such acts. Their political satisfactions may be more private. Terrorism may be a way of expressing an intense hatred of America without regard for any consequences, fulfilling a self-image as an agent of retribution for great wrongs committed against their people. They may be convinced that such acts help to undermine the foundations of American imperial power, or that somehow their motives are so obvious as to need no decoding.

In an open society it is difficult enough to cope with those who choose violence as their preferred form of political communication. For those charged with protecting the public, the task becomes even greater when the political logic is unintelligible, for then it becomes impossible to anticipate either the timing or the target of the next attack.

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Alienated Nantes voters pour scorn on the 'pumpkins of Paris'

Hostile curiosity, rather than election fever, characterises the mood in the proud city of Nantes. It is the local elections, not a vote for a President in Paris, that matters here, ***Giles Coren*** *discovers*

NANTES is one of those provincial French cities where you follow the signs to *Centre Ville*, and you're still waiting to find something identifiable as the centre when you come upon a sign pointing back the way you have just walked.

In the spot where *Centre Ville* signs seem to point from all directions, I came upon a small square where old men, flat-capped and pipe-smoking, were playing boules. "Balladur — *ordure*," said one, grimly fondling the ball he was about to throw. "Chirac — *pire*."

"And Jospin?" I asked, as he hurled the ball for a knock-shot, and watched it miss and roll into the street. Whether the expletive he uttered was a comment on the Socialist, or on the shot he had just attempted, it was hard to say.

"You must understand," one of his companions said, "in June we have the local elections, that will be more important for us. We are only curious about the presidential vote, because if the country goes for Chirac then Nantes will return a Socialist as Mayor. That's all there is to it."

Laurent Touraille, a 53-year-old retired dancer, stands outside a bar called *Le Petit Limonadier* and speaks bitterly. "Mitterrand claims his love for France is almost carnal," he says. "But in 14 years Nantes never had so much as a kiss from him. I voted for him because I was a Socialist — now it turns out he was a collaborator. I am no longer a Socialist, they put their money in the Paris Metro, in the new Louvre and in La Défense. If Paris does not care for us, I do not care who sits in their Elysée Palace. I will not vote. Or maybe I will vote for Balladur — just for fun."

Inside the bar, where the smoke of black tobacco is so thick you need a fog lamp to find a table, the political atmosphere is, if anything, gloomier. "If I wanted to be governed by the Mayor of Paris, I would go to Paris. Do you think anyone up there knows who is Mayor of Nantes?" says Paul Rostand, who would not give his age, but who was certainly in his 80s. His wife, who takes orange with her *pastis* as opposed to her husband's water, agrees. "In Paris they easily forget what we did for them during the war," she shouts, though exactly what they did, she does not explain.

The Nantais continued to plough the independent furrow that has long differentiated them from the rest of France. The city was the capital of Brittany until annexation of the area to France in the 16th century, when power was moved to Rennes. Since then Nantes has never commanded the respect in France, particularly in Paris, that its proud inhabitants feel it demands.

Its darkest hour came late in the French Revolution. As a bastion of the *ancien régime*, the region, particularly in the Vendée to the south, rebelled against urban republican values and provided a stronghold for royalist resistance. When the Reign of Terror arrived in the person of Carrier, the government representative, 13,000 Nantais were executed in a massacre so violent that the guillotine was passed over as too slow — Carrier preferred to crowd the locals into barges which were then sunk in the Loire.

"I don't know anything about our history at all," says Amoury de la Lawrencie, 24, a sort of Sloane Ranger with a French accent. "It is not surprising the oldies are bitter. Towns like this are becoming depopulated. When kids get to my age they just leave for Paris. So they hate the city where everyone has gone because it is too late for them. That has nothing to do with history. That is just old people." He gestures at a group of octogenarian men arguing over a game of dominos across the street. "Now, whether that lot vote for Chirac, Balladur, Jospin or *Johnny Hallyday*, it is not going to make any difference to Nantes and Nantes is all they know."

There is a tone of haughty detachment in the Café Plage. "Chirac has just been here, he is puffed up like a pumpkin," says the barman, and bloats up his face and sticks out his chest and walks around the bar in a way that I think is meant to demonstrate pride and pomposity. The locals at any rate, howl with laughter.

His impression of M Balladur is less impressive, turning on the Prime Minister's high forehead. The barman doesn't seem to know much about M Jospin, so he just puts on a pair of borrowed glasses and clucks like a chicken.

"They make me want to evacuate my bowels, these politicians," says a rotund businessman, sweating in a brown suit as he stands by a dustbin to eat a hamburger. "If this was America I would vote for Ross Perot — maybe I will have to vote for De Villiers."

He is the first to openly suggest this possibility — though the name is much bandied around in Nantes. Philippe de Villiers is the right-wing nationalist who was elected as an MEP last year on an anti-Maastricht manifesto. His movement for France party is pro-family, anti-Gatt, and backed by Sir James Goldsmith. Rumour has it that he has been attracting small businessmen and youthful iconoclasts. Most importantly of all though, for the people of Nantes, who remember their 18th-century prime, he is an aristocratic apple grower from the Vendée. Not the sort of man to take any nonsense from Robespierre, let alone the pumpkins of Paris.

Anxious nation looks for saviour of its soul

FROM CHARLES BREMNER
IN PARIS

FRENCH
ELECTION

IF YOU stand in the spring sunshine just outside Toulouse, you might wonder what the fuss is about as France agonises over its future and its imminent choice of the man who will take over from President Mitterrand and lead it into the 21st century.

The scene is surely Europe's dream. In a parkland setting reminiscent of Southern California, the beauty of the Old World has fused with hi-tech prosperity in the form of aerospace and electronics plants. Across France there are many similar examples of the country's feat at turning itself, five decades after German occupation, into a rich modern nation, equipped with superb trains and roads, fine education and healthcare and a way of life that remains the envy of the world. Not for nothing is France visited by more tourists than any other country.

It could be argued that France should stop worrying and protesting and wake up to its status as Europe's lucky country. The notion would, however, be greeted with disbelief from the great mass of people who believe that for all its wealth and recovery from recent recession, France is deep in crisis. One figure explains the anxiety. At 12.3 per cent, unemployment is the highest of any large industrial state and the 25 per cent jobless rate among the young is breeding an angry and frustrated generation. The symptoms are everywhere, from the new phenomenon of homeless beggars in the streets and the unrest in grim suburban housing estates, heavily peopled by immigrants, to protests by students, farmers and workers in the public services.

Listen to the lament in the countryside and observe the despair in the towns and you might think France was ripening for one of the its periodic bouts of upheaval. Yet, in another example of the Gallic paradox, France seems about to vote heavily conservative in Sunday's first round of the two-stage presidential election. In the second round on May 7, according to all forecasts, it will hand the seven-year tenancy of the Elysée Palace to Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, former Prime Minister, and two-times presidential loser.

If he succeeds, the energetic M Chirac, 62, will owe his victory to the skill with which he has tuned into the prevailing anxiety and responded with lyrical, Reagan-style rhetoric. This, combined with tireless campaigning around the country, brought M Chirac from far behind to define the terms of the campaign. Drawing on the theories of Emmanuel Todd, a young political scientist, he has homed in on the "exclusion" and "social fracture" which he says have divided France into a land of the "protected" and the "exposed".

By posing as a champion of the underdog, M Chirac has hijacked the traditional cause of the Left. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, is weighed down with the burden of the 14-year reign of M Mitterrand. M Chirac has also knocked the wind out of the sails of Edouard Balladur, his Gaullist colleague whom he sent to the Prime Minister's job when the conservative parties returned to government in 1993. M Balladur's argument that he has put France back on the road to recovery, although accurate, has sounded lame beside M Chirac's pledges to resurrect the nation and restore its grandeur through a break with the past.

However, M Chirac has been careful to avoid explaining how he will work his revival. By promising to liberate France from what he calls the tyranny of economic orthodoxy, he is hinting that he could opt for reflationary action which would threaten the strong franc and the path to monetary union. He has guarded his ambiguity with professions of European faith and his main feat is to have projected himself as an inspirational, strong leader in the mould of Bonaparte and Charles de Gaulle. Polls show France is craving such a figure.

While M Chirac seems to be best at making the country dream France's sixth presidential election has sparked little excitement. A record 30 per cent of voters say they are undecided and less than a quarter believe M Chirac can cure unemployment. The frustration with the two main formations is clear from the 38 per cent of voters who say they will back one of the protest candidates from the far Left or Right in the first round. This has seen the reawakening of the Communist Party, led by Robert Hue, and the rise of the National Front, the ultra-nationalist, anti-foreigner movement of Jean-Marie Le Pen. The Front's expected double-digit score and its steady showing for the past decade testifies to the widespread nostalgia for a lost world and the survival of a darker side of the national character.

The mood of disillusion and fear parallels the post-communist blues that afflict much of the West, but it is sharpened by France's character and history. A country happier with revolution than reform, France has had 17 constitutions since 1789 and known little stability in comparison with Britain or America. In 1995 nobody is talking about revolt or overthrowing the system. The pain stems from the feeling that the country has run out of the grand ideas which have fired its history.

The last big dream was the election of M Mitterrand in 1981, but after a frenetic bout of nationalisation and taxes on the rich, the President switched back to orthodox economics. Since then, the same formula has been pursued under his tutelage by four different governments, two Socialist and two Gaullist-led, all committed to the strong franc and European union.

After the re-election of M Mitterrand in 1988, disillusion intensified because of unemployment the Aids blood scandal and corruption across the political spectrum. The end of communism and the resurgence of Germany has robbed France of the role which De Gaulle bestowed on it as an alternative to the two poles of America and Russia. The onset of the global economy has left France with little room for manoeuvre, which reinforces the feeling of siege.

This has helped to turn the election of 1995 into France's most inward-looking campaign in recent history. Fear of the future and its accompanying nostalgia have excluded debate about Europe or the need to trim the welfare system. Instead, the top candidates have fought a personality contest for the title of saviour of the national soul.

A magazine poster portrays Edouard Balladur, Jacques Chirac and Lionel Jospin, and asks "Who? For what?"

CHIRAC

☐ Jacques Chirac
☐ Gaullist
☐ Slogan: La France pour tous

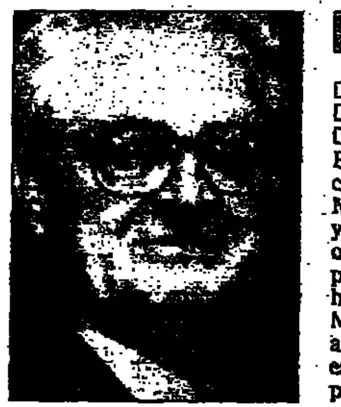
Presenting himself as champion of change. Strong favourite, at forefront of conservative world since late 1960s. Junior minister under President de Gaulle. Aged 62, leader of Gaullist movement. Spent most of past two decades working towards presidency. Twice Prime Minister. Failed two previous bids for Elysée. Because of energy and appetite for political battle, Georges Pompidou, the late President, his mentor, dubbed him "the bulldozer". Varied guises through career, from left-wing Gaullist in 1970s to Thatcherite conservative in 1980s. Now a social crusader. Mayor of Paris. Served two bumpy years as head of a "*cohabitation*" government under President Mitterrand. Only child of teacher-turned banker, M Chirac had mildly rebellious youth, partly spent under German occupation. Fought in Algerian war as cavalry lieutenant. Via Ecole Nationale d'Administration into high civil service then government. Won election as MP for the Corrèze département in 1967. No detailed programme beyond tax changes and measures to boost job creation.

BALLADUR

☐ **Edouard Balladur**
☐ **Gaullist**
☐ **Slogan: Croire en La France**

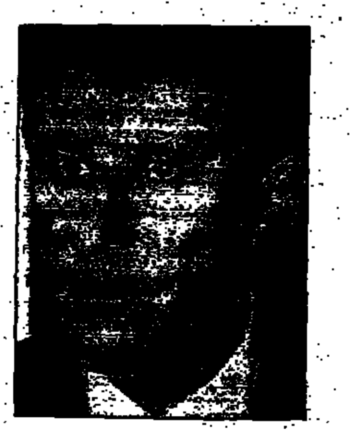
Styles himself new man in race. At 65, one of more unlikely candidates. Mandarin with fastidious air, owes rise to Chirac patronage. Was Finance Minister in Chirac Government of mid-1980s. Caricatured as aristocrat and dubbed "*His Courteous Smugness*". Earned popularity as *Prime Minister of Gaullist-led* Government over past two years. Started as strong favourite, but qualities of modesty and caution have turned into handicap. Emphasises realism and responsibility. Offering more of prudent economic policies that have helped France out of recession and are reducing high unemployment. Denounces European federalism, but committed to speedy single currency and deeper union. *Born in Smyrna into family of* Ottoman Empire merchants. Arrived as immigrant child. Career in government and business. Given safe seat as MP for the 15th Paris district in 1986, given second-ranking job in Government that year. After another spell in business, he *took the Prime Minister's job* in 1993. Regarded as traitor by Chirac loyalists.

JOSPIN



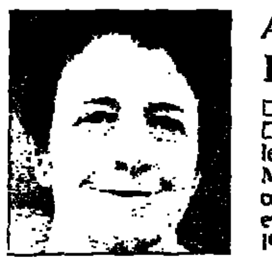
☐ Lionel Jospin
☐ *Socialist*
☐ Slogan: Une France plus juste: avec Lionel *Jospin* c'est clair

After popular Jacques Delors turned down appeals to stand, Jospin, 57, upstaged more senior figures to win only national primary vote held by a French party. Earnest, awkward and stiff, he is image-maker's nightmare. After late start, has earned respect for *rescuing credibility of party* lumbered with legacy of *Mitterrand's 14-year reign.* Expected to win through to face Chirac on May 7. Son of Socialist teacher from the Paris suburbs, was university militant before study at Ecole Nationale d'Administration and high ranks of civil service. Succeeded Mitterrand as party leader in 1981. Jospin married philosophy lecturer *after divorcing last year.* Is offering a return to more *orthodox socialism. Backs big* wage increases, reduced working hours and tax cuts for less well-off. Upset business world by calling for tax on international financial transactions, which critics say would send funds fleeing from France. Committed to Delorian vision of social-minded European Union but has played this *down in campaign.*



☐ **Philippe de Villiers**
☐ ***Movement for France***
☐ **Slogan: Villiers, c'est vrai**

Built career on the back of his campaign against the Treaty of Maastricht. Originally seen as young and promising member of the centre-right movement, possibly a future minister, but hardly a rebel. However, the Maastricht debate gave him an opening that he grasped eagerly. While his fellow campaigners returned to the mainstream, he detached himself from the traditional parties, *forming his own and running* in last year's European elections. *Appealing to Roman* Catholic rural France, his message was anti-European, protectionist, and tinted with the family values that are common currency among politicians in the United States. It went down well, with de Villiers creating the surprise of the elections, and earning 12 per cent of the vote. Even if he does struggle to repeat the feat on Sunday, the 46-year-old *father of seven children* has established an identity for himself in French politics as the respectable side of the extreme right-wing National Front. Firmly rooted in the Vendée region of western France, he rails against what he calls the "corrupt establishment".



Arlette Laguiller

☐ Trotskyist
☐ *Slogan: Arlette* pour les travailleurs

Most surprising contender, has stood every time since 1974. Best poll likely.

Dominique Voynet

☐ Green
☐ *Slogan:* Oser changer

Fought off rivals to be only Green candidate. At 36, is youngest in race.

Jacques Cheminade

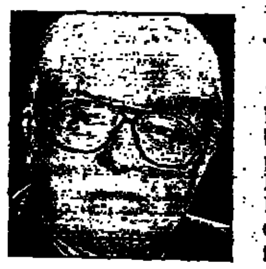
☐ Fédération pour une nouvelle Solidarité
☐ Slogan: Construire *un meilleur monde*

Argentine-born, links to far Right. *Seen* as anti-Semitic.

Robert Hue

☐ Communist
☐ Slogan: Inventons un futur ensemble

Secretary-general of Communist Party. *Revived it, refuses* to change its name.



Jean-Marie Le Pen

☐ *National Front*
☐ Slogan: Français passionnément

Leader of extreme Right. Appeals to patriotism on anti-immigrant platform.

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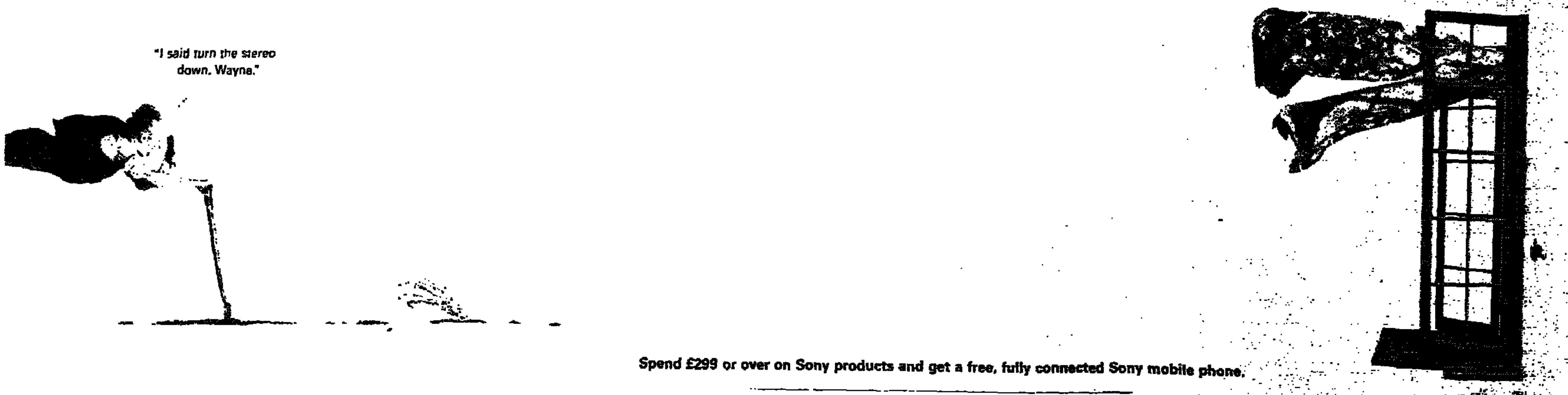

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High death rate mirrors Russia's social collapse

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA has the second-highest suicide rate in the world, with 53 people in every 10,000 killing themselves — more than half a per cent of the population. The only country with a worse record is Sri Lanka.

The figure, just released by the Institute for Social and Economic Problems of the Population, shows a rise of 44 per cent on the previous year, and has taken Russia way beyond other European countries with traditionally high suicide rates, such as Hungary. Population experts say the figure is a reliable indicator of a society suffering severe social degradation, where family, social, moral and political norms have broken down.

Other statistics are equally alarming. Murder, accidents, and other unnatural causes of death have risen sharply since the Soviet Union collapsed, while life expectancy has fallen, especially for men. The very low birth rate, high infant mortality and rising death rates, mean that the population is heading for an unprecedented peacetime fall of ten million — from 148 million now, to 138 million by 2005.

Russia has suffered from falling life expectancy, high infant mortality and high incidences of preventable death for more than a decade, but the latest figures have alarmed sociologists and population experts. They constitute an indictment of the social costs of the political and economic upheavals over the past five years, and the costs of crime, alcoholism and the gap between rich and poor.

The most telling indicator is the difference between male and female life expectancy. In Western Europe, women on average live five years longer; in Russia, they live 13 years longer. The main reason is the extraordinarily high death rate of middle-aged men from crime, alcoholism, heart attacks and accidents. Ten years ago the difference was only eight years.

Josif Diskin, the deputy director of the institute, said last year's figures showed a huge rise in murder, poisoning from bootleg alcohol, car accidents and heart attacks resulting from stress. Some 16 per cent of all active working men now died of unnatural causes, especially car accidents caused by drunken driving and fires — often also caused by carelessness during a drunken stupor. Overall, life expectancy fell by 2.8 years between 1992 and 1993 — "a catastrophic decline," Professor Diskin said.

The only bright spot was the slight revival last year in the steadily falling birth rate. This is still well below population replacement rates and the population was able to remain stable only because of the mass immigration of Russians from former Soviet republics which are now independent.

"In general, these figures still show a crisis in society," Professor Diskin said. This was aggravated by the collapse of spiritual values, hastened by years of atheistic education. He said the suicide rate was also partly explained by the sudden need for people to depend on themselves, instead of relying on a paternalistic state and cradle-to-grave social system. Post-communist Russia is a more thrusting and brutal place where many people, unused to fending for themselves, are unable to cope with responsibility.

The institute's warnings have been echoed by other statistics, painting an especially bleak picture for children. One in four suffers an abnormal birth or is born with a defect, and every second child suffers from a chronic disease. Some three million women are employed in harmful working conditions, and the number of abortions has reached three million a year.

The Education Minister also announced that 1.5 million children were not going to secondary school this year because they were being forced to earn money; by 1997 the number of children in primary school will have fallen by 12.5 per cent. Of the six and seven-year-olds, 35 per cent require urgent medical treatment, 20 per cent have chronic pathologies, and 25 per cent have various diseases. Only 20 per cent were healthy.

A British signaller sets up a satellite dish in Lobito, Angola, at the start of a three-month peacekeeping mission by the Army. An advance party from the Royal Engineers, the Royal Logistic Corps and the Royal Army Medical Corps arrived on

Army sets up Angola base

Wednesday at the port, about 250 miles south of Luanda, the capital. The *Sir Galahad* will remain at Lobito to provide accommodation for the force, which will consist of about 650 troops. Seventy Welsh Guards have arrived by air to protect their comrades who will store and distribute supplies to other United Nations peacekeepers around the country. Over the next two months 7,600 UN troops will be stationed in Angola to help to implement a peace agreement signed in Zambia last November between the Government and the Unita rebels after nearly 20 years of civil war. *(PA)*

Belgrade sanctions cause UN divisions

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

AMERICA and Russia are at loggerheads over United Nations sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia, due to be reviewed today, with Washington seeking stricter controls and Moscow pressing for a permanent easing of the curbs.

Restrictions on air travel, sporting and cultural ties, were first eased for 100 days last October, and again in January. The UN resolution authorising the relaxation lapses today and the debate about the next step is causing deep divisions in the international community.

America and Germany favour easing the sanctions for only another 30 days, while Britain, France and Italy prefer 100 days. The Russian Duma last week overwhelmingly passed a resolution pressing the Government to seek an end to all sanctions.

Another deadline falls today, when Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, is due to report to the Security Council on how a new peacekeeping mandate will work in Croatia. The Security Council voted for the new mandate after President Tudjman threatened to expel UN troops, which in any case must be reduced from 12,000 to about 8,000.

Briton's killer held on bombs charges

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU
IN NICOSIA

TWO men, one of them the convicted murderer of a British holidaymaker, were arrested yesterday in Cyprus carrying home-made bombs in their pick-up truck, hours after the Government made bizarre allegations that a previously unknown political group had been set up by the mafia.

The Greek Cypriot Liberation Army would try to extort money from businessmen claiming it would be used to liberate Cyprus, a government spokesman said. "They are criminals whose sole purpose is making money," said Yiannakis Cassoulides, who added that the group was now outlawed.

"Actions by this organisation ... will be exploited by enemies of Cyprus. It will certainly endanger our country's security," Mr Cassoulides said. With tourism the mainstay of the economy, the Government has frequently played down local media reports of a threat from organised crime, but it linked the new group to the deaths of three gangland members in the past year.

The police chief, Andreas Potamaris, insisted there was no danger to the 2.5 million tourists expected this year. "Our crime rate is very low, and our detection rate is very high," he said.

The two men were arrested in the tourist resort of Paphos after a high-speed car chase which began when they were spotted acting suspiciously. Two explosive devices were allegedly found in the vehicle.

The British woman killed by one of the men arrested yesterday was Patricia Ellen Ruth Ashe, 34, from Bradford. She was stabbed 17 times in November 1984 by a youth aged 18, just two weeks after he ended a six-month prison sentence for attempting to rape two American tourists. The killer was granted a presidential pardon in 1991.

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Two die in Athens blast

Athens: Two people were killed in an explosion near the residence of the Saudi Ambassador and the Russian Embassy in Athens yesterday.

The Public Order Ministry said that the blast was believed to have been criminally motivated.

The bodies of the two victims, who were not immediately identified, were found in the entrance of a building, owned by a senior Greek naval officer, in the northern Neo Psychico suburb. The building is several dozen yards from the ambassador's home and the embassy. *(AFP)*

Gas mystery

Tokyo: Officials are still trying to identify the chemical used in an attack on the Yokohama underground railway which affected about 400 people on Wednesday. Phosgene gas has been ruled out. *(Reuter)*

French attack

Paris: Jacques Chirac, the favourite to win the French presidential elections, has criticised Britain for opposing France's drive to boost European Union aid to the world's poorest countries. *(Reuter)*

Aznar goes home

Madrid: José Maria Aznar, 43, leader of Spain's conservative opposition Popular Party, has left hospital after an Eta car bomb assassination bid. He later visited four people who are still in hospital.

Killers escape

Zamboanga: Muslim extremists who killed 53 civilians in an attack on the southern Philippines town of Ipil earlier this month have escaped troops who were pursuing them, the army said. *(Reuter)*

Army shelled

Colombo: Tamil Tigers have shelled Sri Lankan army bases on the Jaffna peninsula, wounding two soldiers. The 12-year-old civil war resumed this week after the rebels violated a truce. *(Reuter)*

Unsung heroes

Seoul: The South Korean city of Inchon dismissed its municipal choir for ignoring a conductor to whom they objected and creating a cacophony before an angry audience of 700, reports said. *(Reuter)*

Love sick

Stockholm: Marriage between co-workers is more common in hospitals than at any other work place, a survey said. Doctors and nurses drew together in "an intimate and emotional environment." *(AP)*

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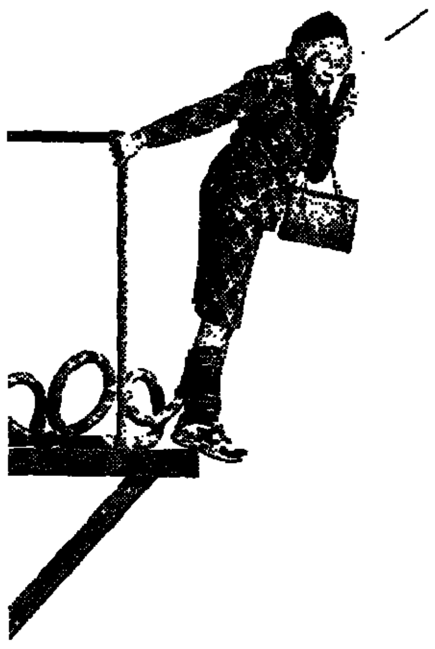
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Frank Gillard tells how he was forced to conceal the truth of a bloody fiasco

The voice of hollow victory

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

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Frank Gillard: "Everything I said was to my belief at the time, the truth — but I could not tell what I had witnessed at Dieppe"

While awash with wartime nostalgia, which for the next three weeks will be as inescapable as Joanna Trollope adaptations, we shall be reminded of the time when the nation clustered round its Odeon-sized wireless sets every evening at nine o'clock, listening to graphic frontline reports from Richard Dimbleby, Godfrey Talbot, Frank Gillard . . .

Wartime listeners had soon tired of hearing Sandy Macpherson at his interminable organ, and as Gillard says: "What people want, in a war, is news, news, news." But at the Imperial War Museum this week, the BBC previewed a programme called *What Did You Do In The War, Auntie?* in which Gillard reveals how censorship at first prevented his celebrated reports from representing anything like the truth.

He is an upright and benignly pedagogic figure of 86, a former schoolmaster in Taunton, who began by broadcasting science games for *Children's Hour* in the 1930s. When asked to join the BBC staff in 1941, Gillard replied that if he gave up teaching, his conscience dictated that he must join the forces: couldn't he be a war correspondent? Within weeks he was in battledress on Salisbury Plain, and in June 1942 he was present at the first abortive raid on Dieppe, and then at the catastrophic second one on August 19.

Whenever he finds references to his "memorable report of the Dieppe raid", he feels pangs of guilt. "To me it was memorable with shame and disgrace. I could not tell that story as I ought to have told it. The whole operation was such a hideous disaster and the price paid in human life so enormous. We took over 5,000 men, and brought back 1,250. The rest were lost in the space of a few hours. A thousand were left dead on the beaches. The sea ran red with blood."

The build-up to the raid had been a shambles: they had been carried like cattle to embark from Newhaven on the first landing-craft they had ever seen, loaded with Bren-gun carriers but without rations. In 24 hours the Canadian troops, eager for battle, were supposed to torpedo the beaches, advance their tanks onto the promenade, destroy defence positions and enemy headquarters, take prisoners, and bring back the 42 small craft the Germans planned to use to attack Britain. But the Germans had turned every building in Dieppe into a fortification and they were able to knock out all our signals. Even General Roberts could not know what was happening to his own men on the beaches.

> 'What people want, in a war, is news, news, news'

It was "into the Valley of Death": one of the biggest military disasters of all time, in the words of the Canadian Brigadier Churchill Mann.

"While at sea, we tuned in to the BBC and to my astonishment they had released news of the raid: so the public was waiting to know what had happened," Gillard says. "After that horrific day there was a complete ban on reporting, and the next day a succession of cancelled press conferences: they couldn't make up their minds how to handle it. Meanwhile, German radio was yelling to the world that we had tried to land and been thrown back in the sea."

Eventually Gillard and other correspondents were told they could broadcast, but must say nothing to undermine public confidence in the war effort, so there was barely a mention of the landings. "The war in the air attracted the attention most." Gillard found himself saying in his bulletin, using erroneous RAF figures, "As a combined operation this was an all-time model." "Everything I said was to my belief at the time, the truth," he says now, "but I could not tell what I had witnessed, and I regret that to this day. The whole truth was not released until a long time afterwards."

Gillard and others were greeted afterwards by Mountbatten in his spotless uniform. "The sight of him made me feel . . . well, you can imagine the condition we were in, our uniforms caked in blood. And he told us it was a great victory really — 'think of the lessons we learnt'. I lost all trust in Mountbatten then."

Is propaganda validated by victory, in the end?

"Richard Dimbleby was consistently obliged to disseminate wrong information from the desert. One can't generalise. Propaganda is an arm of warfare, without any doubt. But if it involves the persistent spreading of untruths I question whether it's justified. I think it leads to such a degradation of the human spirit, the result is worse than the evil itself."

In the two *Auntie* programmes, produced by Jeremy Bennett, it is clear that the public did become irritated when presented by the BBC as being cheerily insouciant in the midst of grief and death after bombing raids. Was the Blitz spirit a myth? "The basic feeling shared by everybody was one of anxiety," Gillard says. "But of course Churchill was brilliant at feeding and sustaining the sense of 'we'll muddle through'."

We met at the Farmers' Club, off Whitehall, his London base. Mr Gillard, a true gentleman, had just carried another lady's suitcases up the stairs, having mistaken her for me. He was about to set off for Normandy, returning to the village of Creully where, in the chaotic days after the Normandy landings, he set up a tiny BBC studio in a turret of a château, with slits for windows overlooking Monty's HQ. De Gaulle, Churchill, Eisenhower and Alanbrooke all came to Creully. Yesterday Gillard was given the freedom of the town, and told the townspeople: "For a few weeks this town played a key part in the battle for the liberation of France and of Europe.

"The mayor tells me that only two other people have been given the freedom of Creully: the Duchess of Kent, and a French aristocrat. That is the *galère* to which I am elevated." The woman who nursed him through his malaria in his billet was there; and so was Andre Heintz, who had been to Bristol Grammar School, and who led the resistance in Caen, risking death by listening to the BBC in his cellar.

Monty, Gillard says, quickly cottoned on to the fact that radio was an effective and pervasive arm of warfare. "And I, of course, encouraged him. When we were in North Africa, the troops kept telling him they had heard him. 'I am, through you, the first general in history who can talk to all his troops,' he told me. He always said that the greatest single factor in battle is morale, and if troops know their leader they trust him. 'Over the radio they get to know me.'"

While Gillard was down with malaria, he was visited by Monty's ADC, Johnny Henderson (now Lord Lieutenant of Berkshire), with a request that Gillard should ask, over the air, if anyone had a puppy for Monty, who longed for a dog. Gillard heard about a man living in a garden shed in Douvres, with a Scotch terrier bitch with three pups. "I made my way there under cover and asked if I could have one for the great general. I thought he would give it to me, but he asked for £25 in post-liberation francs."

(Gillard submitted his expenses: "Scotch terrier for Field-Marshal Montgomery, £25." The BBC accountant responded: "The licence fee is to provide entertainment for the British public, not to supply puppies for field-marshals.")

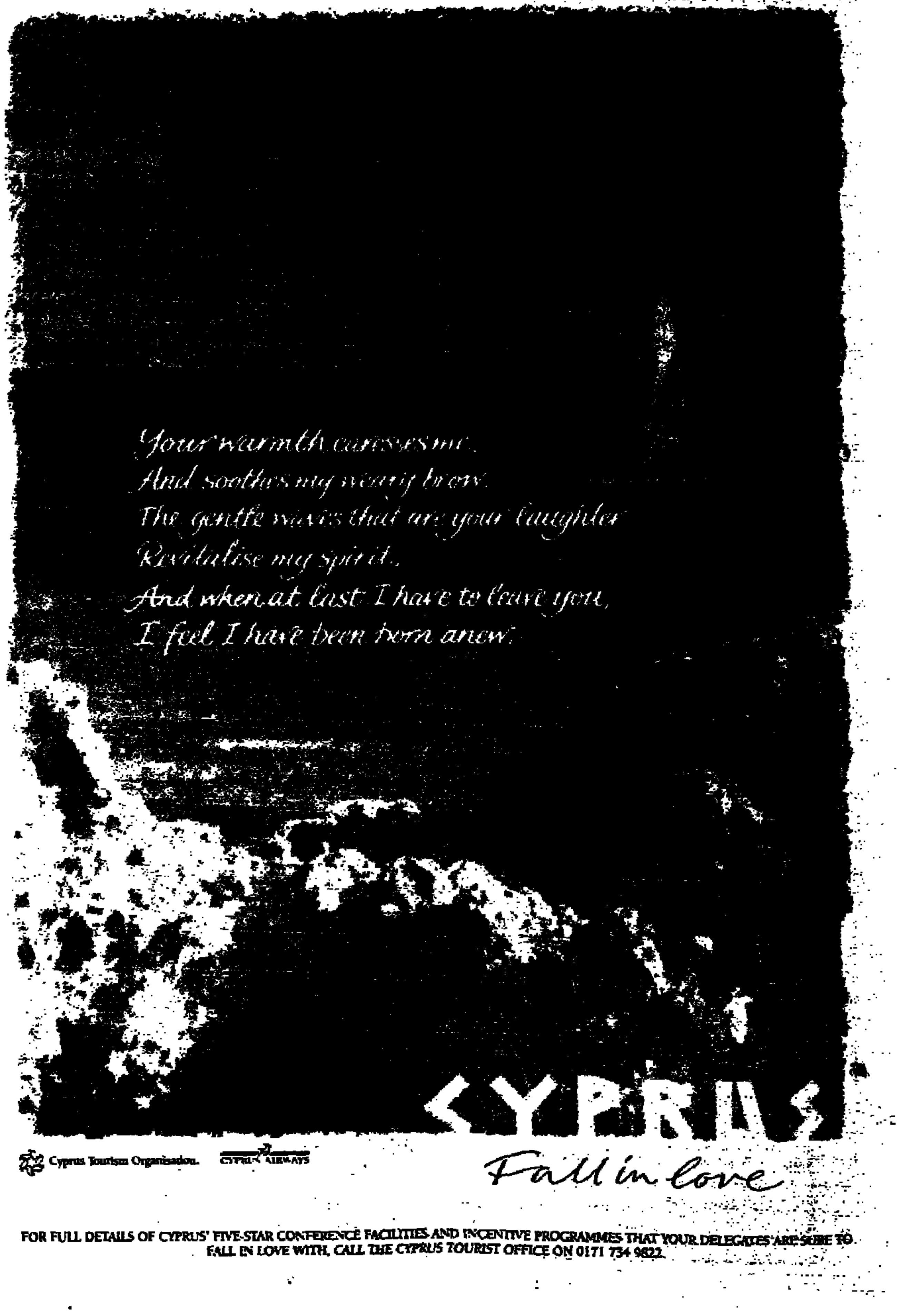
Monty was overjoyed: he called the dog Hitler (he already had a cocker spaniel named Rommel) and photographs appeared in countless magazines of Monty clutching Hitler, the King clutching Hitler, Eisenhower clutching Hitler. Alas, Hitler was run over by a tank on the last day of the war.

VE-Day found Gillard far from the jubilation in London. He had been in Germany, covering the meeting of the Allied armies, when Russians and Americans embraced; on VE-Day itself he was in Kassel, surrounded by refugees pushing barrows and prams, "making their weary way home, poor bastards, not knowing if their homes were still there, with hundreds of miles to go on foot. And I thought, 'this really vindicates everything we have been fighting for'."

Did Mr Gillard have no sweetheart waiting at home? "I am a bachelor," he replied, rather in the tones of Miss Prism. "I didn't get much time for that." After the war, he was offered reporting jobs, but stayed with the BBC in Bristol to become Managing Director, Radio. In retirement he lives over the garden wall from his family's 500-acre Somerset farm. "I had a very fulfilling life afterwards, never short of activity," he says. "One is a little more sensitive to the black side of human nature, after the war experience. But I'm not a great one for introspection."

He and Monty remained friends: Monty's son David once told him that Gillard was more familiar with his father's house than he was. "Monty enjoyed solitude, surrounded by his budgerigars and his mementos. I repeatedly told him to get the stuff insured but Monty said it's no use, it's all irreplaceable. He was duly burgled while at an El Alamein reunion, and lost everything. The Queen gave him a new baton, but as he said to me, 'it's not the same'."

● *What Did You Do In The War, Auntie?* will be on BBC1 on May 2 and May 9.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JAMES GRAY

Home is the hunter, home from the sea: a male osprey, clutching his dinner, demonstrates his strong homing instinct by returning to a precarious perch

Miracle of the opsrey's return

Magnus Linklater

marvels at the successful comeback of a bird that was extinct in Britain until the 1950s

The ospreys have returned. They are back in their favourite place again, beside our loch, the same one they have chosen to nest in every year since they first arrived nearly 15 years ago. To be honest, it's a rotten site — a dead tree in full view of the road, exposed to the elements, and an invitation to any passing nest-robber. Last winter, we thought it had become finally uninhabitable when a great storm blew the old nest, by now the size of a sofa, into the loch. It also took the top of the tree off, leaving just a broken spike and one jutting branch as a reminder of what had once been home. The big question, was, where would the ospreys go?

The answer is, back to precisely the same tree. Ignoring the practical problems of building on an impossible site, they have been building their new nest on the broken top of the tree, balancing twigs precariously on a narrow V-shape, dropping broken branches into gaps to create an elaborate scaffolding, then lining it with moss, leaves and bracken. The technique is fascinating.

The ospreys, wonderfully graceful in flight with their boomerang-shaped wings, wheel away from the nest and curl down towards the ground to swoop on a suitable piece of wood. Clutching it in their talons, they return to the top of the tree, hover over it briefly, then drop the branch from a height of several inches on to the right place. There is a period of manoeuvring with beak and claw as the piece is finally wedged in. The whole process takes about ten days. By last weekend, they had just about finished. But will the nest survive the next storm?

Why the same tree in such an exposed site? There are no rational answers, except that the urge to return to a familiar place must be part of the same instinct that drives the ospreys back year after year from warm seas to snow-spattered Scottish hills. It may be a broken dead tree to us, but to them I suppose it is a place that has allowed ten generations to breed with reasonable success.

For curious human observers, of course, it is perfect. I played the voyeur over Easter, crouched in the heather with binoculars, as the two new arrivals mated on top of their half-finished home — a clumsy-seeming encounter. The wings of the male beat against the wind as he held his position. The female crouched beneath among the twigs. It looked brief and uncomfortable, but what do I know about the emotional life of the osprey? What is certain, however, is that if all goes well there will be three or possibly four eggs by the end of the month, fledgeling chicks 35 days later, then 52 days until they can step off the edge of the nest and fly. The timing is accurate to within a few days. The birds arrived this year on April 6, five days later than last year, three days later than the previous year. They have never been earlier than March 28, or later than April 12, despite the uncertainties of flying from their winter fishing grounds in The Gambia or Sierra Leone.

They are always back in time for the spring meeting of the Perth Races, and they stay till just before the autumn one in early September. It still seems a miracle that they should be there at all, considering that ospreys were extinct in Britain until the 1950s. Before then, none had nested in Perthshire since 1890, when the last one was shot near the present site, killed off as a fish-scavenger.

The arrival of a pair in 1954 at the famous site on Loch Garten was an occasion for national celebration. Now they are back in force, and last year the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds recorded 95 pairs nesting in Scotland last year.

The fate of each one is recorded meticulously, with the results published and circulated among the RSPB's members, though the nests are identified only by numbers. Some of it makes poignant reading. Nests are still robbed, leaving distraught parent birds perched disconsolately on nearby trees. A male bird is recorded as drowning in 1993, caught up in the nets of a fish-farm. The female, unable to continue on her own, abandoned her eggs and flew off, never to be seen again. Young birds, practising for flight, can topple off their nests and plunge to the ground, a prey to passing foxes. Pine martens can scale the tallest tree and cause havoc among new-laid eggs. However, all this the ospreys have survived, and over the years the excitement of seeing them in flight has never diminished. To watch one swooping from the sky to retrieve a fish from beneath the surface water of a loch is one of the most thrilling experiences in nature. They can see their prey as far as two feet down, and sometimes, if the fish is a big one, there may be a wild tussle before the bird emerges, wings beating away the foam as it pulls up into the sky, a writhing fish gripped in its claws.

A holidaying couple down the glen from our loch were amazed when a one pound rainbow trout dropped from the sky and landed virtually at their feet. A passing osprey with a loose claw-hold had let it drop.

With each new season, the areas of osprey habitation spread. The first nesting pair has been seen in England, and it will not be long now before they are breeding regularly south of the border. The time may even come when they are as common as in some American towns where they can be seen nesting on telegraph poles. The eggs no longer have a rarity value, but as the RSPB becomes more sophisticated in protecting nests, so the robbers rise to the challenge.

Some years ago, after a known egg-stealer from Coventry had successfully evaded capture for several seasons, a party of Marines was asked to guard our nest. Using night-sights and commando tactics, they spotted their man crawling towards the nesting site in the dark. They pounced just as he was about to scale the tree, and led him away.

How they betrayed the Church

The commissioners' financial folly will hit the poorest hardest

LIBBY PURVES

Behold the lilies of the field; they toil not, neither do they spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Behold, on the other hand, the Church Commissioners: they were set the toil of amassing and guarding in the name of God a wealth beyond Solomon's, and they ended up in rags. Yesterday's parliamentary report on the Church's financing made it eye-poppingly clear that for all the good the Church Commissioners did with their various attempts at toiling and spinning between 1980 and 1992, you might as well have appointed the lilies of the field: at least they would have looked pretty. For when it comes to multiplying talents, being worthy of their hire and generally laying up treasure on earth, the commissioners have bombed. It would be funny, were it not that in the process they have betrayed priests, parishioners, and pensioners.

You have read the report's strictures elsewhere in this paper: certain terrible phrases, however, need picking out. The one about "a certain degree of complacency", shown by commissioners following the loss of some £800 million of pension fund before 1992; a loss which the Archbishop of Canterbury discovered by reading the *Financial Times*. Or the cold account of how they "irreparably damaged the income flow to the Church" by "foolish speculation", wrecked all hope of raising the meagre stipends and pensions of the clergy, and risked destroying the parish system. Or the bit about the "unbelievable naivety" of these eminent men who made the Church such an "easy target" for developers that "fraud was probably superfluous": nobody needed to cheat them, they did it all by themselves.

I should confess a brief and shameful moment of *Schadenfreude*. In the late 1970s I was a humble tenant in a Church Commissioners' flat in Maida Vale, and like many others there, loathed the landlords for their hawkish and arrogant attitudes (faithfully transmitted through one of the snottier firms of upmarket estate agents). It was easier, we would say, to get camels through needles than to get our holy landlords to mend a leak in the roof. However, their spokesmen would retort that they had to be careful, with money, because of their responsibilities to countless indigent clergy. Shamed, we tried not to hate them. Now it turns out that they were incompetent as well as nasty, and I suspect that many tenants of that era will allow themselves a quiet smile.

But that is wiped off, instantly, at the bleakness of the prospect. The splendour of Lord Bishops and cathedrals, of smart London churches and fashionable christenings, is only a very thin façade. Out in the countryside and deep in the cities, the Church is already on its uppers. The gentlemen-vicars are long gone; one priest, struggling through the country lanes in a rusting Hillman Imp, may cover eight or ten villages. The dignified rectories are replaced by jerry-built bungalows, and the Rectors' Wives are in well-publicised revolt against their meagre, dutiful lives. In the middle of this, however, there is still kindness, duty and missionary holiness: the least that the clergy are owed is a decent pension.

Amid the stresses of the inner cities, in vicarages whose windows may be barred and boarded against flying bricks, even harder work is done. Church youth clubs extend a real and comforting hand to the most disaffectedly horrible children, and do not snatch it back when it is bitten: church charities struggle to paper over the cracks in the social structure. All these good efforts are betrayed now. When even rich parishes find it hard to extract a realistic subsidy from the pockets of their congregations, how can poor ones survive at all?

Still, churches are not fuelled only by money. Some fervent nonconformist spirits may hope that the faithful will rise to the challenge, shrug off the financial incompetents of the hierarchy, and concentrate on the spiritual essentials: house-church meetings, street gospel, the spreading of the word by private fervours of faith and works. They will urge the Church of England to cast off its Solomon glories and go barefoot rather than leave its faithful servants destitute: to boost the pension fund by selling the Bishop's Palaces, letting medieval choirs sink or swim and historic churches crumble or be privatised.

There will be a terrible uproar at any such suggestions, largely from the once-a-year attenders who value "heritage" well above holiness. I shall no doubt join the uproar myself when some ancient symbol I love is threatened. But we should have seen it coming. Certainly, Parliament should have. From Lloyd's to Barings, we have had enough other examples to convince us, by now, that grand old British traditions run by grand old British gentlemen are, frankly, a lot less reliable than a bunch of lilies.

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Janet Daley

■ Unlike British ideas of class, what counts in America is wealth and your capacity for self-improvement

I was rather taken aback by a front-page headline in *The Times* — "Wealth gap tarnishes image of 'classless' US" — which seemed to presuppose that class in America was all about wealth. On one reckoning, of course, it is. But in another sense, which is probably more important, it has nothing to do with money at all. The point is that in both of these contradictory senses, American ideas of class are very unlike British ones.

The headline was about some new American research. There is now apparently a greater gap between the rich and the poor in the United States than in any other industrialised country in the world. In a report that specifically compared Britain — regarded by Americans as a blatantly class-ridden society — with the US. *The New York Times has noted that since 1978*, the American rich have *grown richer and the poor* poorer, whereas in Britain *differences in wealth have* lessened. By 1989, after the *Reagan revolution in taxation* policy, I per cent of *households* owned nearly 40 per cent of the wealth, while in Britain the top 1 per cent owned only 18 per cent of the country's assets.

Professor Edward Wolff of New York University, who compiled much of this research, makes what would seem to be a shaming *comparison with Britain's* progress towards equality. *In the 1920s, he says, 60 per* cent of Britain's wealth was in the *hands* of 1 per cent of the population. Thus, he argues, *Britain has become* a dramatically fairer society, *while the US* — supposedly the home of egalitarianism — has become more unequal. But what, one wonders, are the comparable figures for the US in the 1920s? America was then a ruthlessly unequal society, making almost no official provision for the poor until destitution hit so many in the 1930s.

That ruthlessness — or, to put it another way, the absolute commitment to *Utopian capitalism* — is crucial to understanding American *ideas about* class and why they are so unlike *British* ones as *to make any* comparison bewildering. This is illustrated by *The New York Times* report itself: it assumes implicitly that one's position in the class system is defined entirely by how much one owns. No Briton — indeed, scarcely any European at all — would equate status with money so crudely.

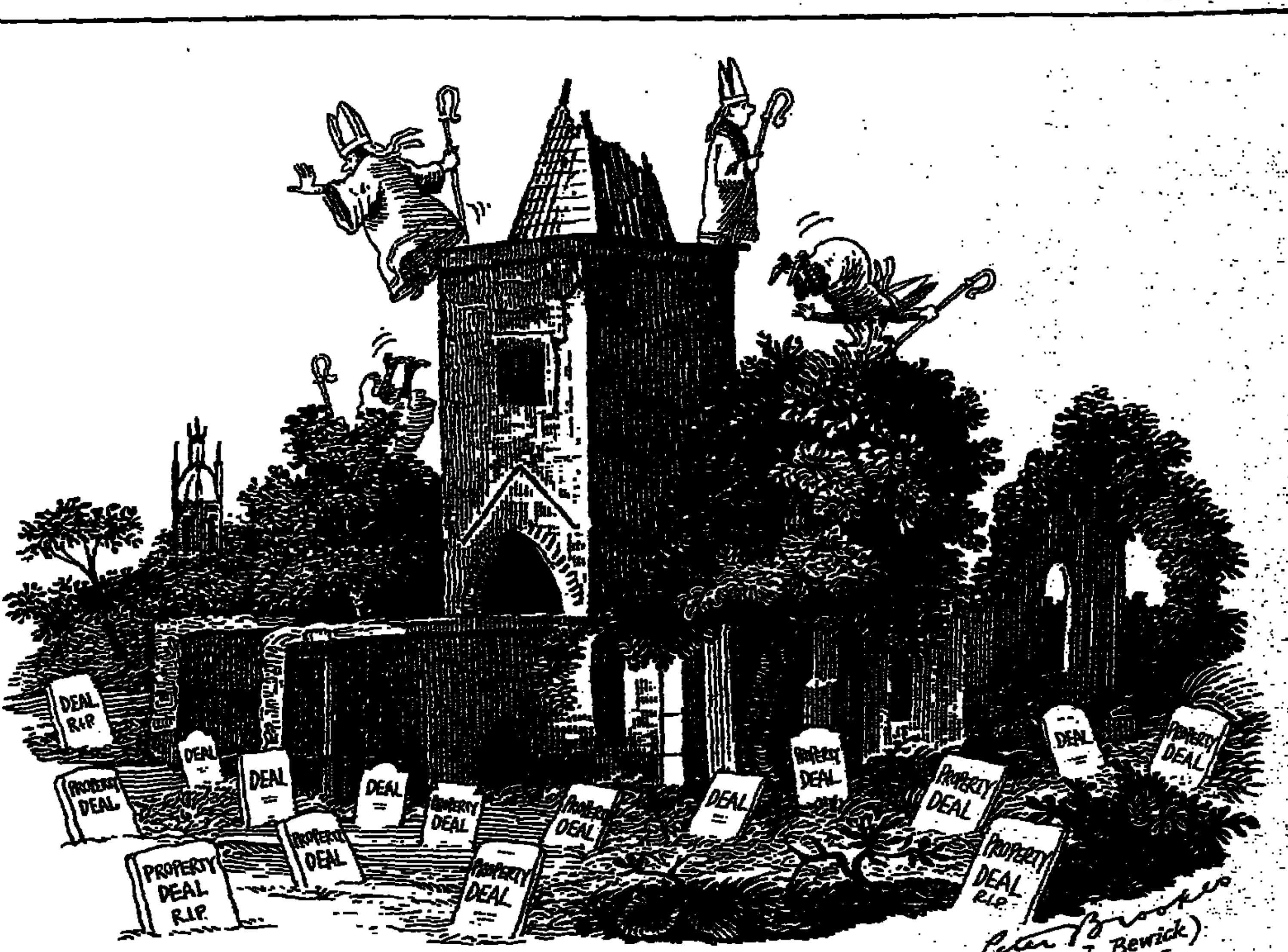
The notion of impoverished gentility being more socially acceptable than vulgar affluence is a *notion that* most Americans find *unintelligible. That is because* there is no culture of *manners in the United States*. Social life in turn-of-the-*century New York and Boston* once had a vestigial form of *Old World snobbery*. The old Confederate South maintained something of this into the 1950s, perhaps because its wealth was tied to the land. But the great waves of immigration, coupled with a belief in unfettered economic individualism, put paid to it all eventually.

America was the great land of *opportunity* for the poor of all nations. Self-improvement was not just an option, it was an obligation. It was what your forebears had come for. Not to avail yourself of the chance to do better than those who had gone before was to let down the people who had made that perilous journey across the sea so that you could have a better chance in life. This belief in the moral obligation to succeed — *to transcend the* limitations of your origins — is embedded deeply *in the* consciousness of every *American. It explains* why poverty is treated with so *little sympathy: the paternalism* of the British educated *classes would strike most* Americans as not just *wrong-headed but* morally repugnant. Newt Gingrich is simply restoring the United States to its historical roots.

> Americans treat poverty with little sympathy

And because your forefathers fled from places where they were ground down by the prejudices of old societies, social life had to begin with a clean slate. Every individual is *responsible* for making his own *fate. (Even the children of* multimillionaires are expected to earn *their* own keep in America.) By *comparison with the US, Britain* has never embraced capitalism at all: it simply tacked a free-market economy onto a feudal class structure leaving the old aristocratic vices (and virtues) largely untouched. If Americans measure social prestige in terms of money, it is because they distrust the unworldly virtues which come from high birth.

Look at the difference in the way that the word "ambition" is *understood on the two sides* of the Atlantic. In American *terms, "to have ambition"* is to be highly motivated. It is *the sine qua non* of respectability. The traditional question asked about any prospective suitor by a girl's father is: "Does he have any ambition?" The opposite of "having ambition" is being "a bum" (a waster). In Britain, to call someone "ambitious" is to imply that they are self-seeking and arrogant. But the desire for self-improvement is only crass from the vantage point of those at the top. When this attitude is absorbed by the lowest classes *in society, it creates a defeatist* passivity — an *unwillingness to try — which is what* Americans find so shocking *in Britain.*



RUINED CHURCH

An explosion of bigotry

Television graphically exposes how much power today's fanatics possess

Bernard Levin

Oklahoma is in the news, news that Oklahoma *could* well *have done* without. Once upon a time, though, *Oklahoma* had a very different flag to wave, though only Oklahomans of a considerable age would remember it. There was a musical of that name, viz., *Oklahoma!*, and it was the first play, not counting a very brief disaster by Noel Coward, to be staged in Britain on the boards of Drury Lane after the war. (Americans may not have heard of Drury Lane, or Britain, or indeed the war.)

Now, however, Oklahoma is in a very *different* situation. True, but what we really mean by that is that *the world is in a spotlight very* different from the one that was *shining yesterday. As I write, I do not* yet know the number of the dead and injured (probably *nobody* does, as yet), but it cannot be few. And *although the first questions should be* the obvious ones — who did it and why? — *I shall* start with something else.

Like most people who *had* heard of the disaster, I turned to television to give me the details. In a warm room, thousands of miles away, I watched as the story unfolded — unfolded, that is, in the most dramatic and terrible way. I was going to say that short of asking the world to turn back for an hour or two in case we had *missed* anything, I realised *that* there was no need for such legerdemain. I was *not* looking at what had happened. I was looking at it happening. *The bomb had gone off, the dead and* dying had taken their places, and *only a few hours afterwards I could* actually see people still staggering about *in the streets with blood* on them, others wandering aimlessly, others trying to comfort the shell-shocked. I was watching *not* the past but the present, the very smoke that had poured out from the ruins was pouring into my drawing-room, with nothing but a *sheet* of glass between me and a spasm of coughing, to say nothing of a spasm of blood. Assuredly, Ezekiel got it right, when he said: "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

Once upon a time, when there was *no television* (and Baird's *ingenious* idea is less than 70 years old), *bloodstained death could not fill our* parlours, not even if we waited for the *next day's newspapers. The most* significant argument that *television* has yet spawned is, of course, the one that says seeing brutality makes brutality, versus the one that says make-believe is harmless. I am in no position to adjudicate, but what I am certain of is that there are bounds, and it is not good for us to step over those bounds. I ask the obvious question: what would the people of Oklahoma have lost if they had not seen the carnage live on television? And, having seen it, what had they gained?

For I am quite certain that, somewhere in the United States — *perhaps in Oklahoma* itself, even in *Oklahoma City* — two or three people are *sitting* before their television set, going back and forth with the video, and perhaps even making notes, their eyes a-glow in the success of their mission — their mission having been to murder and maim as many people in Oklahoma City as their bomb could offer.

Murder is as old as Cain. But in its new guises it would not be recognised by Cain, much less by Abel. There have always been murderers who *wanted something that someone else* had: there have always been murderers *who have killed without knowing* why: there have always been murderers for *hate* or *love*, for obeying orders or defying them, for having the wrong *colour skin* or the wrong language: all these can be understood, and all these, if they have enough squeegees, can mop up the blood. But now?

Pick up any issue of any newspaper: you will find murder recorded. But that is not remarkable: robbery with violence very often turns into death; the same vanity often believes it will not be caught: a dead mouth cannot speak; all these excuses — for they *are* excuses — can be understood, *even if we shiver as we* understand. But now?

Now, I *think we have something* new, which I shall dub killing en *masse for righteousness. Yes, heretics* have been executed for their faith, and a *bloody* business it has been. But, dreadful as it was, it had a genuine meaning, and wicked as we see it today, that meaning was real: to light the heretic's pyre might have him see the truth at the last moment; for him to go into the flames unshriven meant eternal damnation.

But now? There have always been fanatics, at least since there have been people. What has happened in our times is that the fanatics have grown in numbers and, much more *dangerous, in intensity. We — not* only the Oklahomans — are in a *growing danger. If hundreds, even thousands, of* peaceable people are to be *attacked* by groups who cannot *be* pacified and cannot be disabused of their belief that they can do anything they like — lie, torture, murder — then we are in serious trouble, a trouble that will not go away.

We do not know who primed and put the Oklahoma bomb in its place; we do know that they were, in the fullest meaning of the word, fanatics. Unlike most of us, they do not in the least *mind being killed: indeed, they* are delighted because they believe *that they are going to a far, far better* place. And how do you remove from *such a fanatic such a belief? After all*, the fanatics can point to the Christians and the Jews: *these both believe* that there is another world after their *deaths*. The difference is that the Christians and the Jews do not hurry their bliss by murdering others.

It is no use to stand under the windows of a fanatic, shouting "Yah boo, you're a fanatic", as the Government of Algeria long ago discovered. For there is no willingness to exchange opinions, no softening of beliefs, no seeing the other side. For Muslim fanatics there *is* no other *side. Their own religion they spit* upon; when they have total power *over the Muslim faith they will treat* the holiest man as they would an *apostate, and kill him.*

There are, of course, other fanatics *and fanatical groups: Waco (which* may yet prove to be a clue to *Oklahoma) was started by something* like the Christian religion and ended *in the flames: it is* clear *that* some of those in Waco welcomed the burning, and *Jim Jones* had no difficulty in persuading his band, when the game was up, to drink the poison. (After all, he was drinking it himself.)

But the argument comes back to where it starts: if there are enough people who don't mind dying, a lot of poeple who do mind dying are going to be killed. What do we do about it? In reasonably calm countries and societies, there is no great danger, because — oops — the United States *is* a reasonably calm country and society *itself*. And indeed, until the day before yesterday, the Alfred *Murrah Building was as safe as* houses. Houses, that is to say, which *can be easily pushed over with a* bomb or two.

In the wake of the disaster, there *was much talk*, in *Britain* as well as the United States, of having guards on all large buildings (the Alfred Murrah was not making evil things). But half a minute's thought must see that it is impossible; if every large building is covered three feet thick with anti-bomb matter, the fanatics will simply put their bombs in small buildings, and then houses, and then public lavatories, and then rabbit-hutches. The obvious truth is that a skilled and fanatical bomb-putter will always get his way.

So what are we going to do about it? The fanatical Muslims have a *simple answer: become fanatical* Muslims. I dare say that there are a *few nervous folk who are signing up* this very minute, but most of us are not going up as far as that.

We come back to that room in Oklahoma, where the two or three are going over their success and beginning to think about the next bomb. (They are not toasting themselves, or not at any rate with liquor, because it is forbidden for them.) I repeat: "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." Do you realise that in perhaps half a century — not more, and perhaps a good deal less — there will be wars, real wars, *in which the* fanatical Muslims will be winning? *Winning what, you ask? But you* do not ask, because you know. *As for Oklahoma, it will be called* Khartoum-on-the-Mississippi, and woe betide anyone who calls it anything else.

Philip Howard

Suddenly Middle England re-emerges and claims us for its own

We are all Middle Englanders now that an election is on the horizon *and* politicians of the middling parties are bidding for our votes. *Little Englanders* claim louder than most to rant for *Middle England, for that* mysterious region has spread as grossly as middle age. Teenage stars of tennis and economics have made us middle-aged by the time we reach 30, and mortal euphemism has extended middle age deep into the Zimmer frame and print-growing-smaller years. Similarly Middle England has spread from Middlesbrough to Penzance and from Carlisle to Canterbury.

But Middle England is not a geographical location of the sort we were taught to seek at primary school. There Tiger Davis, the geography master, got us to cut out cardboard silhouettes of the map of England, hang them up by their extremities, and rule lines across from coast to coast to find the umbilicus of Britain. The point where the lines crossed most thickly in the centre was Meriden in Warwickshire. So geo-*metric geography* confirmed the literary mysticism of Henry *James: "Warwickshire is the* core and centre of the English world; mid-most England, unmitigated England. The place has taught me a great many English secrets; I have interviewed the genius of pastoral Britain."

James was mathematically correct to include North Britain, because our cardboard outlines were of the main island, but not of Great Britain, which would have created a cardboard mobile too slippery for our infant rulers. But he was spiritually wrong, because Scottishness is *another country.*

But Middle England is to be *found in neither midmost* Meriden nor metaphorical Golconda. *It is a new political catchphrase* used by politicians from John *Major* to Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown, and picked up and howled by *all the lesser dogs* in town from John Humphrys to Hugo Young. You cannot read a newspaper column or listen to the radio for ten minutes without finding Middle England.

The discoverers of this previously unknown Middle England are the titmouse and the mynah bird. We have become as timid as titmice about referring to class, and Middle England's ancestors were the middle classes. *We echo American slang and* political catchphrases and tac-*tics as closely* as *mynahs. And* Middle England's godfather must surely be Middle America.

The middling classes have a pedigree that goes back to Aristotle and the idea of a golden mean between extremists on either side: "The most perfect political community is one in which the middle class is in control and outnumbers both the other classes." But in England the middling classes were invented as a linguistic and *social buffer between the nobility* and the common people. *They came in between 1770* and 1840, which was also the period *of the Industrial Revolution.* They were described as "the *Middling People* of England, generally Good-natured and Stout-hearted".

Middle England is also a *mynah echo of Middle America.* This used to be a geographical description of the region comprising Central America, Mexico and the Antilles. But in the 1960s it was reinvented to describe the supporters and attitudes of Richard Nixon. Mrs Nixon's looks and taste were said to be classic Middle American, even as her husband's were. Middle Americans were neither Boston brahmins nor other East Coast intellectuals nor West Coast hippies, but the solid citizens from the cornbelt in between, with suggestions of red necks showing above their blue collars.

Like all such social and political labels, Middle *America* is the handkerchief at the middle of the rope in a tug-of-war, pulled by extremists on all sides who want to claim it as rightfully theirs. Middle England, at present a vague and cheering abstraction, will follow the same path. It may become a laughing-stock as a fashionable *cliché* and die of shame. It will be both *insult and flattery. But we* are the people of Middle England that never have spoken yet. When we get our chance, we shall never speak with one voice, for we are a multitudinous political abstraction. But it is gratifying that so many people at present want to claim us as theirs and *suck up to us.*

Send a tenor

LUCIANO PAVAROTTI has pulled out of tonight's performance of *Un ballo in maschera* at Covent Garden. The gargantuan tenor has bronchitis and is returning to Italy *to recuperate before* his next scheduled performance in a week's time.

"*He is confident that he will be* able to return to London for the final two performances," said the Royal Opera House, which apologised to those who have paid up to £267 for a ticket. "Although not obliged to make refunds on tickets, we will on this occasion make a partial refund."

Gegam Grigorian, principal guest artist with the Kirov Opera, will step into the big man's shoes, even though some suggested Colin Miller, a Pavarotti lookalike from Burton-on-Trent.

Miller startled "Fat Lucy" when he appeared at the launch of the new men's fragrance *Pavarotti at* Harrods on Wednesday. He had caught the 5am train from Burton and came away with a £27 signed bottle of scent. "My heart is pounding," he gasped. "I have never been that close to him. I *wanted to shake his hand but* didn't have the nerve. I try to sing too, but *it's mainly middle-of-the-road — Aspects of Love*, that kind of thing." He is no *doubt* already saving up for the Three Tenors Christmas Pack of Pavarotti perfume, Carreras bath salts and Domingo wash-and-go shampoo.

Double take: Colin Miller meet his fragrant doppelgänger

Rat and role

A *LONDON theatre is holding* open auditions for a role in its Christmas production of the Pied Piper. Hopefuls should be light on their feet, possess a lean and cunning look and bring their own tail.

The Unicorn Arts Theatre is appealing *for* a rat from the public because it says it can't afford to *rent a professional plus its handler* at the going rate of £150 an hour.

"We want *the Olivier* of the rodent world. Candidates should be easy to handle, good-looking and well-mannered," says the theatre. "But we do not discriminate between colour, gender or age: we would like to hear from any rat."

High society

THE DROWSY Derbyshire village of Tideswell shuddered into life the other day as a majestic helicopter *hurricaned into view. It* landed and out hopped King Husain of *Jordan* and his 15-year-old son, Prince Hasmin.

They had come to visit Judy Leden of hang-gliding fame. Last year she was awarded the Jordanian Star of the First Order, usually reserved for heads of state, after *her world record-breaking descent* of nearly eight miles (41,370ft) from a hot air balloon into Jordan. On this occasion she took the prince paragliding. "King Husain would have had a go too," said Leden, "but there wasn't time."

Aerial miss

SIGOURNEY WEAVER was missing from the West End gala premiere of *Death and the Maiden*, the film in which she stars with Ben Kingsley, on Wednesday night. Proceeds from the evening went to the Index On Censorship charity, and Ariel Dorfman, who wrote the original play, flew in from the United States courtesy of a friendly airline.

No such luck for Weaver, however. She required two tickets (for her and for her hairdresser) and no one would stump up. "We were unable to find an airline who could even supply one ticket, let alone two. *She would have come but* wasn't going to pay for herself," *said Index. "They all travel with* their masseurs and so on."

● *There was a touch of the Tommy Coopers about the comic magician Ian Keable's show at the Shush Comedy Club in St Albans on Wednesday night. His trick of appearing to burn a wad of cash belonging to a member of the audience got out of hand when all the smoke and fire alarms went off. The building was evacuated.*

Line out

A PLANNING consultant to John Gummer at the Department of the Environment has run into a spot of topographical bother. His company, David Lock Associates, appears not to know the location of the Meridian Line in Greenwich.

"*It'll make it easier to do U-turns.*"

The company drew the line in the wrong place on a map used by Greenwich University in a competition to devise ideas for a millennium festival. The South London Society of Architects wrote immediately to the university: "It's a glaring error," said the society. "I would have thought that the position of the Meridian Line is a key point." David Lock Associates puts its hands up in a letter to *Building Design magazine.* "It's a fair cop. We made a drafting error."

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NO TURNING BACK

Church and laity must prepare for dramatic change

Many damning findings were made in yesterday's report by the Commons Social Security Committee on the Church of England's finances. But perhaps the least forgivable is that its commissioners remain guilty of "a certain degree of complacency". It is now almost two years since the Church's own independent inquiry into the reckless mismanagement of its assets during the 1980s reported that the commissioners had lost £624 million between 1989 and 1991. The total now appears to have been £800 million.

The Church's capital base may soon be less than half of what it was in the 1980s. After such a disaster, there should not be the merest whiff of complacency. According to the Commons report, spectacular incompetence has "in all likelihood done more than any other single act to destroy the parish system of the national Church".

The commissioners, who were responsible for £2.2 billion of ecclesiastical assets, were affected by the same property slump that felled many companies. Their investment policy, however, was especially highly speculative, often ill-considered and involved far more property than most pension funds consider safe. Yesterday's report even alleged that some of the commissioners' methods were "ethically suspect" and called for root-and-branch legislation to reform the finances of the Church.

There is a danger that disaster on this scale will encourage only the defeatist tendency in the Church, typified by last year's Templeman Commission report recommending that 24 of the City of London's 36 churches be closed. It ought to have the opposite effect, awakening all members of the Church to the deep structural changes that are needed if its mission is to continue and prosper in the next century. The losses suffered should be a stimulus to reform, not an excuse for Anglicans to resign themselves to inevitable institutional decline.

It has long been clear that the Church cannot depend on the inherited wealth which the commissioners manage. By next year, for example, this source of income will contribute only 20 per cent of clergy stipends. The Church must renew the historical alliance with the laity which has always been its best hope. Its leaders must make clear to parishioners that the Church is no longer self-supporting and that its mission will in future depend on regular lay subsidy. Worshippers must no longer think in terms of single contributions to help with a single item of expenditure — such as a leaky roof or the repainting of the church hall. Only regular subsidy can ensure survival. Payments by covenant are of far greater use than the occasional £5 in the collection tray.

Secondly, financial responsibility must be properly devolved to individual parishes. The management of the Church is too centralised. Resources are distributed by rote, under the rigid "Sheffield Formula" which decides how clergy are distributed between the different dioceses. Far too much income is redistributed from vibrant churches to lacklustre parishes which have grown used to external subsidy.

A new balance must be struck, giving greater emphasis to local self-sufficiency. Parishes should have greater freedom to explore economies of scale, such as the more intensive use of church premises. Team ministries should become more common. Local business skills should be tapped. Competitive tendering should become standard practice when churches spend their funds. For the parish system to survive, it will have to become leaner. Some churches will close or will lose a resident vicar. But the sooner this process of change begins, the smaller will be the number that have to go. Faced with yesterday's report, Anglicans must realise that there is no alternative to change of this kind. If this financial disaster prompts a collective resolve to address the problem, adversity will have been turned to good use.

OFF THE MARK

Interest rates should be raised only to curb inflation

As if it were not bad enough to face the loss of more than 1,000 council seats in next week's local elections, the Government and the Tory faithful must also brace themselves for grim economic news. Another increase in interest rates, taking bank base rates to 7.25 per cent, now looks almost certain — despite the gloomy news in yesterday's survey from the Chambers of Commerce, and much other evidence of sloth in the recovery.

Politically, Kenneth Clarke might well see the timing as propitious. His meeting with Eddie George takes place on the day after the local elections; since the newspapers will be filled anyway with the grim analysis of the Tory losses, Mr Clarke may want to get all the bad news out of the way at once. The Chancellor can be imagined laying bets with his advisers on whether the Tory bloodletting or the economic misery will be the top story for next Friday's television news.

Why should an increase in interest rates be necessary at all? Wage increases, the main mechanism for long-term inflationary pressure, have recently fallen to 3.5 per cent, the lowest level since comparable records began in the 1950s. The rate of job creation is declining. The export sector is still surging ahead strongly; but even there the evidence is gathering of a moderation from last year's boom conditions. The idea that Britain is threatened by another inflationary boom-bust cycle, far-fetched enough a year ago, is now utterly implausible.

There is just one reason for an increase in interest rates to be considered. As the Governor of the Bank made clear in the minutes of his March meeting with the Chancellor, published on Wednesday, that reason is the weakness of sterling. The Bank admits that the sharp fall in sterling has been an accidental by-product of the strain between the dollar and the German mark and has almost nothing to do with conditions in Britain. The pound has actually risen against the dollar, but not by enough to compensate on its trade-weighted index for the fall against the mark. Bank officials also realise that raising interest rates, at a time when the economy is weakening, is unlikely to strengthen the pound. Nevertheless, Mr George said in the minutes that the weakness of sterling could threaten the Government's inflation target and, since then, sterling has fallen another 4 per cent.

City economists believe, therefore, that an increase in interest rates is now inevitable. The alternative would appear to be a Bank climbdown, a loss of face, and possibly an unpleasant shock to financial confidence. Faced with these threats, the Chancellor is all too likely to agree to another rate increase, despite the economic damage this will do. For the country, the economic punishment might be just worthwhile, provided the Chancellor and the Governor are prepared to draw two lessons from this unfortunate episode.

First, they must stop the ratchet-like process whereby the markets keep building up expectations for ever-higher interest rates. They must say that they expect this to be the last increase for the foreseeable future. The economy is now weakening, and unless there are clear signs of a re-acceleration, the Bank must signal that the next rate move is as likely to be down as up.

Secondly, the Bank must make clear that interest rates are being raised in response to domestic inflation and not to stabilise the exchange rate. Nothing could be more foolish than to allow British monetary policy to be dictated again by the wayward behaviour of the German mark.

PUBLIC DISORDER

Intolerant protesters cannot hide behind a veil of civil rights

The warning given by Essex Police, that they would prosecute those who demonstrate in a disorderly manner against live animal exports, has been much misrepresented by the groups involved. The invocation of the 1986 Public Order Act does not, as has been suggested, threaten to abridge the civil rights of protesters at Brightlingsea or elsewhere: despite the unceasing efforts of a militant fringe, the citizens of this country have never accounted breaking the law as a civil right. The 1986 Act is aimed at those who would, in fact, abridge by their conduct the lawful rights of others.

In a landmark judgment against the politics of intimidation, the High Court ruled on April 12 that various port, airport and council authorities had no powers to prevent the live calf trade from using public facilities on the ground that it was generating unlawful disruption. As Lord Justice Simon Brown said, to hold otherwise would have been to surrender "to the dictates of unlawful pressure groups".

There is a wide range of options available to control unlawful protest, and to ensure that the general public — including other port users — are not intolerably affected by it. Protesters who wilfully obstruct a constable in the execution of his duty commit an offence: unreasonable use of the highway amounting to a public nuisance, such as squatting or walking slowly in front of lorries, can be stopped by the police, and it would be an offence to refuse to comply with a police instruction to disperse.

The police have common law powers to maintain public order, and can arrest those committing — or about to commit — a breach of the peace. As Lord Denning ruled in a case in 1982 involving protests over the possible siting of a nuclear power station in Cornwall, "there is a breach of the peace whenever a person who is lawfully carrying out his work is unlawfully and physically prevented by another from doing it".

The 1986 Act gives the police powers to ensure that processions and assemblies conform to the standards of behaviour expected of citizens in a tolerant, pluralist society. These powers should be invoked when there is the danger of serious public disorder, or where protesters have established a track-record of intolerance and intimidation.

Many of those opposing the livestock trade at ports in Essex, Kent and Sussex are law-abiding citizens whose methods are decent and democratic. Yet there are others present, in not insignificant numbers, whose activities are illiberal and threatening. The police must act against them with vigour, using their common law powers to bind over those thought likely to commit a breach of the peace. They have a duty to uphold respect for the rule of law; if the 1986 Act helps, it must be used without hesitation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Realities of the Ulster ceasefire

From Mr W. S. Affleck

Sir, Gerry Adams, by telling us not to hold our breath for any surrender of IRA arms (report, April 17), *has breathed reality into the Northern Ireland situation.* The weapons surrender fiction was always doomed to founder. How could assurances be given that all weapons had been handed in? How could assurances against re-equipment be given? And, more important, had such assurances actually been given, would they have been accepted by the other parties?

The paramilitary groups, both republican and loyalist, are in all probability over-equipped. *There is little evidence that major arms finds have ever seriously impaired their battle-worthiness.*

A paramilitary group might therefore surrender numbers of weapons while still retaining its ability to inflict death and destruction on the community. The other parties would know this and feel themselves forced to retain an ability to counter the threat — to inevitable charges of acting in *bad faith and failing to match the conciliatory stance of the first group.*

If the retention by the IRA of significant weapons were simply to be accepted as the true situation we would know that we would be dealing with a ceasefire between parties who deliberately retained the ability to take an armed struggle back onto the streets. Clearly the Ulster Volunteer Force would not then surrender weapons, the Royal Ulster Constabulary would remain an armed force and the scope for further reductions in the British Army presence in Ulster would be reduced.

This would not be the best of all possible scenarios, but if the ceasefires held and if the talking continued and began to make progress the habit of peace would become even more firmly rooted in Northern Ireland.

This scenario is certainly better than some others.

Yours sincerely,
W. S. AFFLECK,
Barley Hill, Watledge,
Nailsworth, Stroud, Gloucestershire.
April 19.

From Mr W. H. Cousins

Sir, Your report (Business, April 12) that Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, has called upon the UK and Ireland to follow the example of the European Union and put more money into the Northern Ireland peace process suggests that he regards the European Union as a separate entity. He has either forgotten or *ignored the fact that both Ireland and the UK are part of it, and that the UK, as a heavy net contributor to EU funds, already bears so much of the EU's contribution.*

Furthermore, in his arrogance he needs to be reminded that the financial contribution from the EU is small compared with the billions of pounds we have spent and the many lives we have lost over the past twenty years in trying to maintain peace in Ulster.

Mr Santer needs to be brought into line. *One Delors is more than enough for a democratic, united Europe.*

Yours sincerely,
W. H. COUSINS,
222 Corbets Tey Road,
Upminster, Essex.

From Mr Charles Quant

Sir, What does Sinn Fein want the IRA to keep its arms *for*?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES QUANT,
Silverwood,
Gwernymynydd, Mold, Clwyd.

Oklahoma City

From Ms Ruth Grinbergs

Sir, "These people are killers and they must be treated like killers" says President Clinton. And their political leaders invited to the White House *to help with their fundraising?*

Yours faithfully,
RUTH GRINBERGS,
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Woodside Park, N12.
April 20.

From Mrs Audrey McCormick

Sir, I trust that, as an expert, Mr Gerry Adams will have been asked for *his comments on the Oklahoma City outrage.* A message of sympathy perhaps.

Yours faithfully,
AUDREY McCORMICK,
30 Kirk Brae,
Kincardine on Forth,
Clackmannanshire.
April 20.

Vision of a world without weapons

From Lord Jakobovits

Sir, Millions all over the world will no doubt greet the international conference on nuclear non-proliferation, just opened in New York (reports, April 18), with relief and high hopes. Clearly, *nuclear proliferation has widely been seen as the biggest single threat to human survival in the history of man.*

Yet to my mind conventional weapons pose a far more realistic threat to human life and international security. Since the Second World War not a single life has been lost through nuclear attack. Conventional arms, however, have claimed tens of *millions of lives since then in scores of international wars, in numerous civil wars and in widespread terrorism* — all sustained by the free availability of arms supplies.

The nuclear umbrella, on the other hand, may well have saved Europe from the ravages of wars between nations over the past fifty years — a record interlude of peace in modern times.

There is a danger that the nuclear non-proliferation campaign, important as it is, may divert attention from seeking agreement on the *non-proliferation of conventional weapons — their manufacture, their sale and their shipment to other countries beyond a strictly limited amount required purely for self-defence and the preservation of internal order.*

If the intention is to turn our globe into a safer world, then the control of the nefarious arms trade is at least as urgent as the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons. Conventional arms are much more likely to be used, as the past half-century has proved. The effect is equally lethal.

Yours sincerely,
JAKOBOVITS,
House of Lords.
April 18.

From Dr Julian Lewis

Sir, Your correspondents (March 21, 29, April 11, 17) quote the Non-Proliferation Treaty as if it commits the signatories to nuclear disarmament by itself. It does not.

The preamble to the treaty states that nuclear disarmament should occur "pursuant to" (that is, in conformity with) "a treaty on general and complete disarmament". Article VI similarly commits the signatories "to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to cessation of the nuclear arms race *at an early date* and to nuclear disarmament, and on a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control" (my italics).

However, *the size of Britain's minimum deterrent has never been related to the size of Soviet or American arsenals.* Clearly, as a new system Trident must still be able to threaten unacceptable retaliation at the end of its 30-year lifetime, not just at the beginning.

The "significant enhancement" of capability (mentioned by previous correspondents) which it offers over Polaris caters for the potential development of counter-measures throughout *this long period. It in no way involves us in the nuclear arms race previously conducted by the superpowers* with their tens of thousands of warheads.

The treaty's vision of general and complete disarmament will never become reality until all men are able to live together without the need for conventional weapons. In that event nuclear forces would also be redundant. Yet it is obvious that abandoning all nuclear weapons in an unreformed world would be a recipe for disaster: in a conventional war the former nuclear powers would *immediately race to reacquire the bomb. The first to succeed would then use its monopoly,* as in 1945.

Fortunately, neither Article VI nor the preamble requires a *nuclear-free world* to be achieved *before* general and complete disarmament. It is only the nuclear arms race which is to be ended at an early date and this, indeed, has happened. Britain's proposed Trident fleet neither contravenes the NPT, nor will it lead to the spread of nuclear weapons to any other country that its opponents care to name.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN LEWIS,
Policy Research Associates,
35 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.
April 18.

Rail privatisation

From the Minister for Railways and Roads

Sir, Magnus Linklater's polemic today against railway privatisation will *raise unjustified fears about the future of rail services in Scotland.*

First, it is important to keep the future of the West Highland sleeper in perspective. Whatever its significance, with average loadings of 18 passengers in the winter and 36 in the summer it is far too easy to exaggerate its importance to the Scottish economy. And, despite Mr Linklater's assertions, the fact remains that the full subsidy cost of the service is £453 per passenger.

No final decisions have yet been taken on the future of the service. There will be full and proper consultation on whether or not to incorporate a *requirement to run the service when the franchising director goes out to consultation* on the passenger service requirement for the ScotRail franchise in the early summer.

Secondly, the Government has repeatedly made it clear that franchises will be based broadly on the existing British Rail timetable and that it will continue to provide subsidy for socially necessary services.

The suggestion that British Rail has been encouraged to run down services in Scotland or anywhere else in advance of privatisation is alarmist nonsense. We remain committed to improving services in all parts of the United Kingdom and that is what privatisation is designed to deliver.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN WATTS,
Department of Transport,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
April 18.

From Mr Ian Pittaway

Sir, I happened to be waiting at Edinburgh Waverley station when I read Magnus Linklater's article. Intrigued, I asked in the station's information bureau for literature on how I might travel by rail in the Highlands.

After much rummaging I was told that all that was available was a battered photocopy of the current timetable.

I have no way of knowing whether the absence of promotional material is a conspiracy or simply incompetence. But it seems a great *shame that the selling of this asset is apparently so neglected.*

Yours faithfully,
IAN PITTAWAY,
25-31 Moorgate, EC2.

Influential Arthur

From Mr Paul B. Hannon

Sir, In her interview with Valerie Grove (April 14) *Lady Caroline Blackwood talks about Chester A. Arthur, the twenty-first President of the United States,* a former resident of her house in Sag Harbor, Long Island.

Contrary to her claim that "since he lived for only a week after he became President, he did neither good nor harm", Arthur became President on September 19, 1881, after the assassination of his predecessor, James Garfield, and served the *remaining three years of his term in office.*

Historians credit him with decisive support for the creation of a merit-based civil service and with initiating the re-building of the US navy which had fallen into obsolescence after the Civil War.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL B. HANNON,
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April 18.

BT changes

From Mr Michael L. Hepher

Sir, The UK *telecommunications industry — BT especially — appreciated* your leader (April 17) on the Phoneday changes to dialling codes. Two points, though, require a reply.

BT introduced a charge for directory inquiries in April 1991 to ensure that those who did not use the service did not have to subsidise those large businesses who used it extensively. At the same time *call charges overall were reduced by about 6 per cent.* In *September* last year BT actually halved the cost of a directory inquiry call — to just 25p for two numbers.

BT has brought down the cost of calls dramatically in the 11 years since it was privatised. A three-minute daytime call from London to Edinburgh has been more than halved to 30p.

Yours faithfully,
M. L. HEPHER
(Group Managing Director), BT,
BT Centre, Newgate Street, EC1.

VE-Day snub?

From Dr George Urban and others

Sir, The British Government has invited representatives of more than 50 countries to attend the VE-Day celebrations in London next month. *Those invited include the heads of almost all those European states which fought in the war. They do not, however, include* President Gligorov *of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.* The *reasons for this exclusion (which it is not too late to correct) are impossible to understand.*

The FYRM is one of the successor republics to the former state of Yugoslavia — which, as the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, was invaded by Axis forces in 1941. President Gligorov himself served as a member of Tito's Partisan movement, a force which came to be regarded by Britain and America as an ally. There can be no historical or moral grounds for not inviting him to the VE-Day commemorations.

The FYRM's position during the last four years has been highly vulnerable. The long delay in granting the *republic recognition has weakened it internationally; its economy, meanwhile, has been undermined both by the UN sanctions against Serbia and by Greece's unilateral trade embargo. Yet the stability and survival of this small republic* are essential to the West's self-proclaimed policy of preventing the spread of war in the Balkans. The non-invitation of President Gligorov *suggests that he is not to be regarded as the head of a genuine state. What sort of a message does the* British Government *think this will send to the other powers in that region?*

Yours etc,
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Impracticality of 'peoples' museum

From Sir Roy Strong

Sir, It is to be observed that only three out of the 11 signatories of the letter (April 17) advocating "a major *museum of the history of the peoples of the British Isles" have a practical* museum background. Otherwise they might have paused and given thought as to why such a museum does not already exist, let alone the implications of setting one up.

All our present national collections are the result of accidents of history. If we were starting again most of them would be formulated on very different lines *from their inherited constitutions. But the die is already cast.*

In order to achieve such an historical panorama would call for the dismemberment and amalgamation of many much loved institutions including the National Portrait Gallery, the National Maritime Museum and the Imperial War Museum, to name but three.

Logic certainly would indicate some rationalisation between our national collections but the one adumbrated here *is on a scale only the French would contemplate.*

When I directed the National Portrait Gallery between 1967 and 1973 it was re-cast, as far as its founding principles allowed, to fulfil the role predicated in the signatories' letter precisely because such a museum was lacking.

Yours faithfully,
ROY STRONG,
The Laskett,
Much Birch, Herefordshire.
April 17.

Right to silence

From Mr Solomon Malcolm

Sir, F. J. Bergin (letter, April 12), commenting on William Blackstone's renowned statement, "It is better that ten guilty persons escape than one innocent suffer", asks: "Better *for whom?*"

That quotation runs in direct parallel to the basic principle of justice (enshrined in Magna Carta) that everyone is innocent until proven guilty. It is widely accepted that once these principles are ignored tyranny prevails. So bearing this in mind, it is *better* for the members of a free and just society that their rights are safeguarded.

Yours,
SOLOMON MALCOLM,
65 Leslie Road, E11.
April 12.

Forecasting change

From Dr Judith Harrison

Sir, There is no need to adjust the timing of the warning about casting clouts because of global warming (letters, April 10, 12): the hawthorn hereabouts has noticed, *is already beginning to open its buds and will soon be out. Let us simply rename the shrub* "April", instead of "May".

Yours faithfully,
JUDITH HARRISON,
12 Crofton Way, Swanmore,
Southampton, Hampshire.
April 12.

Out of place

From Mr Timothy Garton Ash

Sir, A literal reading of your version of my recent article about Britain and Germany ("Security is the vital issue in Europe", April 18) would suggest that I believe German foreign policy is constrained by the country's "geological position". Intriguing as this idea is, what I wrote was "geopolitical position".

I wonder if the same impish gremlin was responsible for the apparent attribution to Lord Dahrendorf of a view of Britain as a "working museum of history". As the original article made clear, and as every intelligent listener to his speech at the Königswinter conference will have understood, this was certainly not Lord Dahrendorf's own view but rather *his characterisation of a view of Britain sometimes to be found in the* German media and among some German visitors to this country.

Yours etc,
TIMOTHY GARTON ASH,
St Antony's College, Oxford.
April 19.

Monetary mismatch?

From Mr M. B. Gerrard

Sir, "Dollar drags pound to new low" (Business headline, April 20). It is a matter of common observation that the pound and US dollar follow each other closely and, furthermore, that UK interest rates and the London stock market follow those of the USA far more closely than those on the Continent.

Is this sufficient evidence of "convergence"? Perhaps the referendum, when it comes, should offer union with the US dollar as an alternative to EMU?

Yours faithfully,
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WINDSOR CASTLE
April 20: The Duke of Edinburgh reopened Peascod Street, Windsor, this morning and was received by Her Majesty's *Lord-Lieutenant* for the Royal County of Berkshire (Mr John Henderson).

His Royal Highness afterwards accepted the *Freedom* of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and attended a Luncheon at the Guildhall, Windsor.

Major Charles Richards was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, this evening attended a *Dinner for Past and Present Colonels* Commandant of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers *at West Court*, Finchampstead, near Wokingham, Berkshire.

Captain Richard Goodfellow was *in attendance*.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 20: The Duke of York this morning left Heathrow Airport, London, for Canada.

Captain Neil Blair RN was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 20: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, today delivered an opening address and chaired the morning session of the Welfare Symposium of the Foal at the Royal Society, Carlton House Terrace, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Cranfield Trust, this evening attended a Guest Lecture, "Transferring *Expertise from Industry* to Charities", followed by a Reception at the School of Management, Cranfield University, Cranfield, and was received by Colonel John Rose (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire).

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 20: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Glasgow and was received by Mr Robert Gray (Vice *Lord-Lieutenant* of the City of Glasgow).

His Royal Highness opened the new Scotstoun Leisure Centre, Danes Drive, and met some of those involved in The Prince's Trust volunteers programme.

The Prince of Wales afterwards visited The Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice, 73 Carlton Place.

His Royal Highness this afternoon visited Lanarkshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Hutcheon Sneddon).

The Prince of Wales visited Coca-Cola and Schweppes Beverages, East Kilbride.

His Royal Highness later visited the Provision Distribution Centre, Byreskowe Lane, Motherwell.

Commander Richard Aylard RN *was in attendance.*

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 20: The Duke of Kent, Vice-*Chairman, the British Overseas* Trade Board, this morning opened Hozelock plc's new factory, Midpoint Park, Minworth, Birmingham, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

His Royal Highness later visited Cuxson Gerrard and Company, Broadwell Road, Sandwell.

Captain Marcus Barnett was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 20: Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief of the King's Own Royal Border Regiment, this afternoon received Major General R.J. Hodges, Colonel of the Regiment, Lieutenant Colonel D.N.J. Flynn upon relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel A. *Schumacher* on assuming the command.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, this *evening attended a Concert given by* the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall, *South Bank Centre, London SE1.*

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Harrogate springs to life with glorious displays

By ALAN TOOGOOD, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE Harrogate Spring Flower *Show is a glorious mixture of* spring and summer flowers, the displays ranging from daffodils to sweet peas.

The show, which opened yesterday, *is an opportunity to be*come acquainted with many nurseries and gardens from the north of England.

For instance, head gardeners *from Harewood House, Thorp* Perrow, Newby Hall and Parcevall Hall have created a Yorkshire woodland garden which features *rhododendrons and other wood*land plants from the gardens of these historic houses. The bright yellow *Rhododendron* "Hotei" is *particularly eyecatching.*

The fresh green of young fern fronds is to be seen everywhere but particularly on the stand of Waitham Nurseries, of Silverdale, *Lancashire, whose collection of ferns*, studded with white wood anemones, ranges from dwarf hart's tongues to large ostrich feather ferns and giant tree ferns. *Tiny alpine ferns are among the* rare and unusual hardy plants being shown by Hartside Nursery Garden, of Alston, Cumbria, which also *features unusual* primroses.

Also bringing a breath of spring with their fresh young leaves are the hostas from Mickfield Hostas, of Stowmarket, Suffolk. They have staged over 100 different kinds, both old and new, from their extensive new hosta garden. Among the new introductions is "Fragrant Bouquet" with strongly scented flowers, still an unusual character among hostas.

Rhododendrons epitomise spring and there are plenty of them at the show. Millais Nurseries, of *Churt, Surrey, have some exciting* new yellow rhododendrons in their varied collection, which ranges from dwarf plants to tree species. "*Patty Bee*" *is a new dwarf hybrid* with masses of pale yellow flowers and "Top Banana" from America has clear waxy yellow bell shaped blooms.

There is something for all tastes including exotics such as orchids from the Harrogate Orchid Society, cacti and other succulents, and air plants or atmospheric tillandsias displayed *on natural*, sculptured wood by The Tropical Rain Forest, of Leeds, West Yorkshire.

The Premier Award for the best exhibit went to a display of cacti and succulents, many spangled with jewel-like flowers, from Southfield Nurseries of Bourne, *Lincolnshire. They have won it for* three years running.

A major attraction is the flower arrangement section with large displays by the National Association *of Flower Arrangement Soci*eties and other top arrangers, competitive classes, and an exhibition of Japanese flower arranging *by the Huddersfield Chapter of* Ikebana International.

Also there are shows within the main show, staged by the Daffodil Society and the *Alpine Garden* Society.

The Spring Flower Show, organised by the North of England Horticultural Society and the Royal Horticultural Society, is in the Valley Gardens, Harrogate, and open from [illegible] daily, closing at [illegible] on Sunday.

ANDRÉ CAMARA

Luiz Gonzaga, who has been painting for 30 years, unloads from his VW Beetle a collection of works for possible selection for the Royal Academy's 227th Summer Exhibition which opens on June 4. Last year 13,090 works were entered, including almost 6,500 oils and other large paintings: 1,376 were finally exhibited

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Trustee of St George's House Council, will attend a meeting of the council and a luncheon at St George's House, Windsor, at 11.30. *The Princess Royal, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Logistic Corps,* will visit 27 Regiment at Buller Barracks, Aldershot, at 10.30.

John Kirwan-Taylor

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of John Kirwan-Taylor, OBE, will be held on Thursday, May 11, at 11.30 at The Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W1.

Mr Cyril Lace

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mr Cyril Lace will be held in the Chapel at Malvern College on Saturday, June 3, 1995, at 12.15pm.

Reception

The Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were the hosts at a reception held yesterday at 10 Downing Street.

Service dinners

HAC
Prince Michael of Kent was present at the St George's dinner held last night *by the Honourable Artillery Com*pany at Armoury House. General Sir Michael Wilkes presided. Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Mr John Challis and *Judge Sir Lawrence Verney spoke.*

Air Force Board
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, and Air Chief *Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief* of the Air Staff, were the hosts at a dinner held by the Air Force Board last night at Admiralty House. Among those present were:
The Earl of [illegible], Lord Rix, Sir George Edwards, OM, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, Group Captain John Cunningham, Mr Eddie [illegible], Mr David Langdon, Air Vice-Marshal [illegible], Mr [illegible] and Mr Sydney Dowse.

Luncheon

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of the Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister.

School news

Brentwood School
Trinity Term begins today. The *Choral Society will sing Messiah* by Handel and Symphony of Psalms by Stravinsky in Brentwood Cathedral on April 29. The CCF will be inspected by Group Captain S. Morris on May 12. *Half* Term is from May 26 until June 4. Commemoration, Speeches and the Promenade Concert will be on *July 1; the Guest of Honour will be* Professor Roderick Floud, MA, DPhil, FRHistS, Provost of the London Guildhall University. *Term ends on Friday, July 7.*

Headington School, Oxford
Term began on April 20. There will be a School Concert on Thursday, May 18. Headingtonians Day is on *Saturday, June 10. Please reply to* Miss P. Raikes, 2a New High Street, Headington, Oxford by Monday, June 5. The preacher on *Foundation Day, Friday, June 30,* will be the Rev Anne Ballard, Precentor of Christ Church. The Headingtonians Ball will be on Saturday, July 1. Details may be *obtained for the Ball from the* School Office. Term ends on Thursday, July 6.

Kelly College
The Summer Term began yesterday *at Kelly College. Mark* Turner takes up his appointment as Headmaster. Freddie Claire continues as Head of School. The *Scholarship* examinations take place from May 8-11. The Old Kelleian Day will be on Saturday, June 17 followed by a Thanksgiving *Service for Leslie Stoddard,* and *on Friday, June 23* Kelly Baroque Players perform Handel's Acts and Galatea. Founder's Day is on Friday, June 30 when the Commemoration Preacher will be *the Right Rev The Bishop of* Plymouth and the Prizes will be presented by Brigadier R.C. Wolverson, OBE. The Friends of Kelly *will hold a Summer Ball on the evening of June 30. The Lord's* Taverner's play the Kelly Kasuals in a Charity Cricket Match on Sunday, July 9.

Queen Margaret's School, York
Summer Term began on Thursday, *April 20, and ends with* Speech Day on Saturday, July 8. Leave-out is from Friday, May 5 to Monday, May 8 and Half-term *from Friday, May 26 to Thursday,* June 1. Pamela Rowbottom is Captain of Tennis and the guest speaker for Speech Day will be Canon *Dr* Michael Kitchener.

Queenswood School
*The Summer Term at Queens*wood *begins on Sunday April 23,* with Laura Kinmonth as Head Girl and Elizabeth Read as Deputy Head Girl. Confirmation will be *on Saturday May 6, at 10.45am,* the service being conducted by the Bishop of Hertford and the Rev G. Rogers, the Chairman of the *London North West District of the* Methodist Church. *Speech Day is* on Saturday, July 8. There will be a performance by the Queenswood Ensemble and Queenswood Sing*ers at 7.30pm on Wednesday, May* 3. Further details are available from the Music Department.

The Centenary Festival Week *will take place from Saturday 1 - Saturday 8 July.* Full details are available from the Queenswood Centenary Office.

Birthdays today

The Queen celebrates her 69th birthday today.

Mrs Angela Barrett, tennis champion, 63; Professor Gerald Benney, goldsmith and silversmith, 65; Mr I.W. *Bruce, director general*, RNIB, 50; Mr Tom Burns, former Editor, *The Tablet*, 89; Sir George Burton, former chairman, Fisons, 79; Mr Laurence Ellis, former Rector, Edinburgh Academy, 63; Miss Cheryl Gillan, MP, 43; Mr J.M. Greenwood, senior partner, Nabarro Nathanson, 60; Air Marshal Sir John Hunter-Tod, 78; Sir Robin Ibbs, chairman, Lloyds Bank, 69; Mr John McCabe, former Director, London College *of Music, 56; Dr Halfdan Mahler,* secretary general, International Planned Parenthood Federation, 72; Mr Iain Mills, MP, 55; Mr John Mortimer, QC, barrister, play*wright and author*, 72; *Sir Geoffrey* Palmer, former Prime Minister of New Zealand, 53.

Mr Ben Patterson, former MEP, 56; Mr Anthony Quinn, actor, 80; Sir Alexander Stone, lawyer and banker, 98; Major-General Sir John Swinton, Lord Lieutenant of Berwickshire, 70; the Earl of Verulam, 44.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Friedrich Froebel, educator, Overweissbach, Germany, 1782; Charlotte Brontë, writer, Thornton, Yorkshire, 1816; *Sir Herbert* Barker, manipulative surgeon, Southport, 1869.

DEATHS: St Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury 1093-1109, Canterbury, 1109; King Henry VII, reigned 1485-1509, Richmond, Surrey, 1509; Jean *Racine, dramatist*, Paris, 1699; Mark Twain, writer, Redding, Connecticut, 1910; Manfred von Richthofen (the Red Baron), German air fighter, shot down, 1918; Robert Bridges, Poet Laureate 1913-30, Chilswell, Kent, 1930; John Maynard Keynes, Baron Keynes, economist, Tilton, Somerset, 1946; Sir Stafford Cripps, statesman, Zurich, 1952; François Duvalier, *President of Haiti* 1957-71, Port-au-Prince, 1971.

British Safety Council

The Hon Tom Sackville, MP, was the host at the presentation of the British Safety Council 5 Star Health and Safety *Management* Awards held last night at the House of Commons.

Dinners

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's *Government last night in the Locarno* Room at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in honour of the *Czechoslovakian Foreign Minister.*

Glaziers' Company
Mr J.B.R. Vartan, Master of the Glaziers' Company, and the Wardens *received members of the court* and their guests at the St Mark's day quarter court dinner held last night at Glaziers' Hall. The Master of the Bakers' Company, the Master of the Tallow Chandlers' Company and the Master of the Society of Apothecaries *of London were among the guests.*

Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators
Colonel George Cauchi, Master of the *Company of* Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, presided at the annual ladies dinner held last night *at the Mansion House. Alderman Sir* Alexander Graham, Mr John Zochonis, High Sheriff of Greater Manchester, and Mr Clifford Grinsted, Senior Warden, also spoke.

University Women's Club
Sir James Craig was the speaker at a dining-in of the University Women's Club held last night at 2 Audley Square, W1. Mrs Virginia Darbyshire, honorary treasurer, presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr F.W.M. Burkitt
and *Miss J.S. Lloyd-Evans*
The *engagement* is announced between Francis, elder son of Mr and Mrs Miles Burkitt, of Grantchester, Cambridgeshire, and Joanna, younger daugher of Mr and Mrs *David Lloyd-Evans, of Ropley, Hampshire.*

Dr P.A. Cunich
and Miss S.D. Stamp
The engagement is announced between Peter, eldest son of Mr and *Mrs A. Cunich, of Orange, New South Wales,* and Sarah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.E. Stamp, of Chudleigh, Devon.

Mr P.A.D. Dubens
and Miss J.P. Cowan
The *engagement is announced* between Peter Adam Daiches, youngest son of Mr Stanley Dubens and the late Mrs Rachel Dubens, of Truro, Cornwall, and *Joanna Penelope, elder daughter* of Mr and Mrs Gerald Cowan, of Mayfield, East Sussex.

Mr N.J. Frangos
and *Miss C. Pateras*
The engagement is announced between Nicolas, second son of Mr John Frangos, of Athens, Greece, and Mrs Angela Frangos, *of* London, SW1, and Christina, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Pamelis G. Pateras, of London, NW8.

Mr C.J.B. Hornor
and Miss R.N. Kinnear
The engagement is announce between Charles John Bassett, younger *son of Mr S.S. F. Hornor* and the late Mrs E.P. Hornor, of Brooke, Norfolk, and Rebecca Nancy, youngest daughter of Mr T.C. Kinnear *and of* Mrs W.E. Kinnear, of Adelaide, South Australia.

Mr P.W. Jackson
and Miss C.E. Gardiner
The *engagement* is announced between Peter, second son of Mr and Mrs Michael Jackson, of Virginia Water, Surrey, and *Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr* and Mrs Ray Gardiner, of Heswall, Wirrall.

Mr M.P. Lewin
and *Miss A.C. Speker*
The *engagement* is announced between Mark Peter, son of the late Mr and Mrs P.E. Lewin, of Westcliff, Essex, and Amanda *Claire, only daughter of* Mr and Mrs D.M. Speker, of Edgware, Middlesex.

Mr R.J.L. Normand
and Miss M.A. Clarke
The *engagement* is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian Normand, of Havant, Hampshire, and Mary Anne, *daughter of Mr and Mrs* Richard Clarke, of Easton, Hampshire.

Captain T.P. Robinson
and Miss K.C. Woodrow
The *engagement is announced* between Captain Timothy Robinson 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), son of Mr and Mrs W.A.P. *Robinson, of Bampton,* Oxfordshire, and Katharine, daughter of Colonel and Mrs K. Woodrow, of Wollaston, *Northamptonshire.*

Mr J.L.S. Maclay
and *Mrs* J.M. Courtis
The engagement is announced between John Maclay, of Kensington, and Janie *Courtis*, of Kensington.

Mr L.J. Radley
and Miss H.J. Benson
The engagement is announced between Lawrence, son of Ben and Fay Radley, of Bournemouth, and Harriet, daughter of Neil *and Ann* Benson, of *London.*

Mr *A.J. Rossdale*
***and* Miss R.L. Stutchbury**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Dr and Mrs Richard Rossdale, of Kensington, *London, and Rachel,* *elder daughter* of Lieutenant Colonel (Rtd) and Mrs Alan Stutchbury, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr C.A.S. Saint
and Mlle *M.A. Guérin*
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Saint, formerly of Chobham, Surrey, and now of San Diego, *California*, and Marie-Alix, elder daughter of M and Mme Jean-Marie Guérin, of Paris.

Mr D.G. Taliente
and Miss P.R.J. Fraser
The *engagement* is announced between Davide, youngest son of Commendatore Ugo Taliente and the late Signora Giovanna *Taliente, and* Perdita, founding daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Fraser.

Mr L.M.N. Tegner
and Miss V.M.H. Murphy
The engagement is announced between Luke, son of Ian and Meriel Tegner, of London, and Ginny, daughter of Michael and Prue *Murphy, of* Royston, Hertfordshire.

Dr T.N. Vorster
and Miss J.C. Southcombe
The engagement is announced between Tim, *third son of Dr and* Mrs de Wet Vorster, of Wrangaton, South Devon, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs *Michael Southcombe,* of Yeovil, Somerset.

Mr M.A. Weare
and Miss A.P. Callé
The engagement is announced between *Mark Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Ted Weare, of Johannes*burg, South Africa, and Anne-Philippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Callé, of Winchester, *Hampshire.*

Mr S.J. Yorke
and The Hon A.T.M. Nolan
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Major and Mrs Richard Yorke, of Whalton, Northumberland, and Anne, daughter of Lord and Lady Nolan, of Brasted, Kent.

Marriage

Mr W.F.E. Forbes
and Venetia The Hon Lady Troubridge
The marriage took place on Tuesday, April 18, 1995, at [illegible], between Mr Derick Forbes and *Venetia Troubridge.*

Institute of Physics

At a recent meeting of the Council of the Institute of Physics, the following were elected fellows of *the institute:*

Dr Darryl Almond, University of Bath; Dr Jack Alvarez, Haberdashers' Aske's School, Elstree; Dr Michael Campbell, Glasgow Caledonian University; Dr Philip Campbell, IOP Publishing; Dr Peter Davies, University of Warwick; *Professor David Delpy,* University College, London; *Professor George Efstathiou,* University of Oxford; Dr James Gimzewski, IBM Research Division; *Mr Francis Goode,* Watford College (retired); Mr John *Gowar, University of Bristol;* Dr John Griffith, University of Birmingham; Dr Peter King, BP Exploration; Dr David McCartney, BT Laboratories; Dr *Robert Newport*, University of Kent at Canterbury; Dr Michael Steeden, Ministry of Defence (Procurement Executive); Professor Iwan Williams, Queen Mary and Westfield College.

Black Rod

General Sir Edward Jones is to be Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod and Serjeant-at-Arms attending the Lord *Chancellor in succession* to Admiral Sir Richard Thomas who will retire on May 9.

Appointments

Mr Graham Pirnie to be Ambassador to Paraguay in August in succession to *Mr M.A.C. Dibben* who *is moving to another Dip*lomatic Service appointment.

Mr Michael Peart, Ambassador to Fiji and High Commissioner (non-resident) to *Kiribati*, to be concurrently High *Commissioner (non*-resident) to Nauru and to Tuvalu in succession to Mr Timothy David who is moving to another *Diplomatic Service appointment.*

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How much better than gold it is to get wisdom, and to gain discernment is more desirable than silver.
Proverbs 16 : 16 (REB)

BIRTHS

ALLEN - On 20th April, to *Rosemary (Egan) and Peter,* a son John Joseph, a brother *for Lucy.*

BRENNAN - On April 18th, to Jane (née Williams) and John, a son, Luke David John.

BROWNE - On April 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née Agnew) and Nicholas, a son, Jonathan Erskine Ainger, a brother for Alexander, Jasper, Tamara and Benedict.

CURRIE - To *Daniela* (née Grönke) and Edward, a daughter, Antonia Annabel, born April 18th in Basle, Switzerland.

GRAHAM-RACK - On 9th April, to Belinda and Nicholas, a son, Henry Charles Oliver, *a brother for* William.

HOLMES - On 13th April, to Catherine (née Scruby) and Marc, a beautiful daughter, Isabelle Louise. Special thanks to the staff on Christine Ward and all at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

HORNE - On March 24th, to *Nicolette (née Symington)* and Nicholas, a son, Kai Alexander Symington, a *brother for Robert.*

HOUCHIN - On 16th April 1995, to Emma (née Schlesinger) and Julian, a son, Thomas Oliver Ferguson.

KAPLICKY - Josef Kaplicky on 13th April 1995 at The *Portland* Hospital, to Amanda (née Levete) and Jan Kaplicky - a son.

LOCKHART - On April 19th, to Joanna (née Freeman) and Andrew, a daughter, Ellen Olivia, a sister for Hugh.

LOUDEN-BROWN - On *Tuesday 18th April* at Kent and Canterbury Hospital, to Elizabeth and Paul, a beautiful son, Conor.

MATTINSON - On April 14th at The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to Caroline (née Duguid) and Simon, a lovely son, Oliver James.

McCREADY - On April 20th at Lancaster Royal, to *Patricia and Gordon, a lovely* daughter, Skye Barton McCready.

MORETON - On 28th March, to Lucy and Christopher a daughter, Isabella Rose.

OGILVIE - On 17th April, to Marianne (née Squair) and John, a son, Frederick (Freddy).

PATTISON-HUDD - On January 19th (due April 19th), *at Queen Charlotte's* Hospital, to Jill and Charles, twins, Charlotte Elizabeth Sophie and William Henry Cornelius 'Henry'.

THOMPSON - On April 14th, Good Friday, to Rowena (née Hill) and Paul, a beautiful daughter Eleanor Jane, at The Lister Hospital, North Herts.

WAINWRIGHT - On April 13th, at *Queen Charlotte's* Hospital, to Joanna Frances (née Lundy) and Richard, *twin daughters* - Isadora Violet and Venetia Rose.

WRIGHT - On April 14th 1995 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Clare (née Fuller) *and* Jeremy, a son Christopher James.

DEATHS

ATKINSON - On 19th April 1995, after a short but devastating illness *bravely* borne, Brian, beloved and loving husband of Wendy, *dearly loved father of Stuart,* Katy, Vicky and Elizabeth. *Funeral Service* at Hayes Parish Church, Hayes, Kent on Tuesday April 25th at *11.30am followed by private* cremation. Flowers or donations for The Sick Childrens' Trust, to J & R Killick, 112 High Street, West Wickham, Kent.

ATKINSON - Pat died at Southampton 15th April 1995. Will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral at Highfield Church, Southampton, 2.30 pm, Wednesday 26th April. Flowers to J Lawrence & Sons, Southampton.

BELFIELD - On April 18th peacefully at home at Stone, Staffs, Stanley, aged 82 years, beloved husband of Bertha, devoted father of Richard and Sue and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Stone on Monday April 24th at 10.45 am followed by private Cremation. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o Trent Hospital, Stone, Staffs.

BERRYMAN - Suddenly, on 17th April 1995, Chester Bernard in his 82nd year. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Marlborough, on Thursday 27th April at 11 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for British Heart Foundation c/o T. Free & Sons, The Parade, Marlborough, Wilts.

BLAYNEY - On 16th April 1995 Jacqueline Blayney an extraordinary and lovely lady, devoted mother of son Matthew and daughter Helen, sister of John, died suddenly at her home Dernswood in the arms of Richard her husband of 32 years. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St Andrew's Parish Church, Much Hadham, Herts on April 25th at 3.30 pm followed by burial at St Thomas Church, Perry Green, Herts. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Alzheimers Disease Society c/o Harbottle & Lewis Solicitors, 14 Hanover Square, London W1R 0BE.

BLYTH - On April 17th 1995 peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Nancy Armstrong, daughter of the late George and Mabel Blyth. She leaves many lasting memories. A Memorial Service is to be held at St Mary's Church, Great Dunmow, Essex, at 2 pm Monday May 22nd 1995. No flowers please but donations, if desired, for Chelmsford Farleigh Hospice may be sent to the Funeral Directors Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd, Haslers Lane, Great Dunmow, Essex.

CHARLTON - Graham, of The Oxford Hotel, Great Malvern, died 17th April, after a long brave fight against cancer. Service at Worcester Crematorium, 24th April 2 O'clock. Family flowers only. Donations, to Cancer Research c/o The Oxford Hotel, Graham Road, Malvern, Worcestershire WR14 2HU.

DAVENPORT - Ina (née Gedra Abernethy) of The Thatches, Thurlestone, Devon on April 20th. Greatly loved by husband John and by her sons, daughters and grandchildren.

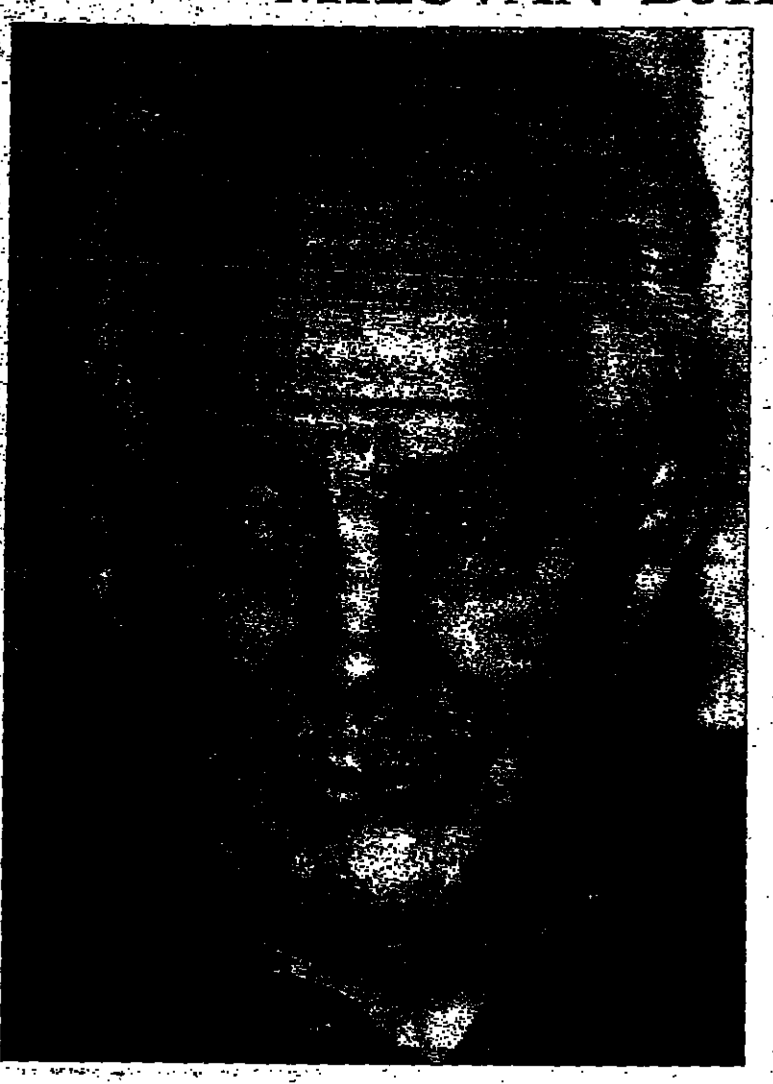
EDGAR - On April 16th 1995, peacefully, Derek Robert, retired Metropolitan Police Officer of Lympne, Kent. Much loved husband of Sue, father of Claire, James, Penny, Jill and Bill and a loving grandfather. Service at Barham Crematorium on Wednesday April 26th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Pilgrims Hospice c/o Hambrook and Johns, 1 Dymchurch Road, Hythe, Kent.

GODDES - On 11th April, peacefully in hospital, Florence Maude (Trudy-Penny), aged 98 years. Much loved wife of the late Frank. Funeral Service at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Monday 24th April at 1.15 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to Woodside House E/H, Baxendale, Whetstone, London N20 0EH.

GRAHAM - Donald Grant, peacefully at home on Good Friday after months of illness. Beloved husband of Jane, dear father of Ian and Grampa to Nicola, Julie and Jennifer. Funeral Service at St Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, on Thursday 27th April at 2.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the church.

MILOVAN DJILAS

Milovan Djilas, former Vice-President of Yugoslavia, died yesterday aged 83. He was born Podbisce, Montenegro, on June 12, 1911.



Milovan Djilas achieved a leading position in the Yugoslav Communist Party before the Second World War, and shared to the full in the Communists' triumphs during and after the war, before his dramatic fall from power in 1954. Thereafter long periods of confinement made him one of the most famous political prisoners of his times.

Djilas was a staunch Yugoslav. He was critical of all the leading figures involved in the country's break-up and equally critical of what he considered the West's lack of a coherent policy as the former state disintegrated.

In the early postwar period, when the party was settling accounts with its political opponents, Djilas earned a reputation for ruthlessness. But by 1953 signs had appeared of the *crise de conscience* which was to lead him away from Communist dogma towards a belief in democratic socialism. This reflected in part his contacts with Western socialist parties, particularly the British Labour party, some of whose leaders he had met during a visit to Britain in 1951. He became particularly friendly with Aneurin Bevan, and one of the charges levelled against him when he fell was that he was influenced by Bevan.

Djilas's new opinions made him a rebel against the Yugoslav Communist regime and, refusing to recant, he suffered, successively, exclusion from political life and several sentences of imprisonment. For Western observers he became something of a barometer of Yugoslav political development, for his releases from, and returns to, prison reflected Yugoslavia's internal and external political circumstances.

As time passed, Djilas's hopes of a political future in Yugoslavia diminished. After his fall from power he had of course no following in the party and none to speak of in the country. While no one doubted his courage, to most Yugoslavs he appeared too mercurial and provocative.

The years of confinement seemed to have endowed him with patience and a new maturity. But if the process of relaxation in Yugoslavia in the 1960s made some of Djilas's ideas look less unrealistic, the party's political embattlement against nationalism and liberalism in the 1970s and against economic failure and the country's subsequent disintegration in the wake of Tito's death in 1980 did nothing to improve Djilas's chances of a peaceful return to power; and Djilas himself had explicitly ruled out a violent overthrow. In the end he renounced all political prospects for himself and concentrated on literary work, although he was ready to intervene from time to time in support of others in political trouble with the Yugoslav Government.

In the Montenegrin society of the period into which he was born and grew up (which he vividly describes in his autobiographical work *Land Without Justice*) blood-feuds were still common, and the Montenegrin monarchy's efforts to suppress them were scarcely less murderous than the feuds themselves. Natural death was exceptional for the men of Djilas's family and rebellion was in his blood. His great-great-uncle (a famous outlaw), his great-grandfather and both his grandfathers had been murdered, probably on the orders of the Montenegrin rulers; and his father, an army officer, was suspected of plots against the princely family. All seven children in the Djilas family later became Communists. Further hardship lay in store. In the Second World War, Djilas lost his father, two brothers and two sisters.

After schooling in Montenegro, Djilas went to Belgrade University, where he joined the Communist party at the age of 18 and took a degree in Law. He then turned to literature and journalism, but in 1933 was arrested in connection with a demonstration against King Alexander's rule, and imprisoned until 1936.

In jail he made the acquaintance of Communist leaders such as Kardelj, Rankovic and Pijade. He met Tito in 1937, and helped him to organise volunteers for the Spanish Civil War. Within a year Djilas was a member of the Communist Party Central Committee, and in 1941, when he was only 30, became a member of the Politburo.

Djilas naturally joined the partisan leadership on the outbreak of war, and in July 1941 organised the Montenegrin rising against the German invaders. His military services were recognised by promotion to the rank of general and by the highest decorations. His progress in political life was equally swift. During the war he was a member of the Presidium of the Anti-Fascist People's Council. After the Communist takeover he became Minister of State for Montenegro and Minister without Portfolio. By 1954, when his career reached its climax, he was one of four Vice-Presidents of the Republic and President of the Federal Assembly. Meanwhile, as a member of the party Politburo, he had visited Moscow for discussions with Stalin and the Polish Government for the foundation of the Cominform.

Djilas had, of course, grown up to venerate Stalin and the Soviet Union, and had readily stifled doubts arising from his visits to the Soviet Union in 1944 and 1945. His real disillusionment began only in 1948, in the course of painful discussions with Stalin on Balkan affairs. When the break between Tito and Stalin came later that year, Djilas's attitude was not in doubt and he undertook to write a philosophical defence of the Yugoslav "road to socialism".

In the course of the next few years, however, Djilas found himself driven to criticise not only Stalinism in the Soviet Union but also its continued manifestations in Yugoslavia. In a series of articles published in the winter of 1953-54 (and later translated into English under the title *Anatomy of a Moral*) he gave vent to pungent attacks on party bureaucracy and the new snobbery of the Communist upper crust. More heretically, he proclaimed that the Leninist type of party and state, with its centralised monopoly of power, was obsolete. Without at this point abandoning his basic Marxist beliefs, Djilas made far-reaching suggestions for democratisation of the system, and in conversation (though not yet in print) countenanced the formation of an opposition socialist party.

Tito and the other party leaders reacted sharply to this challenge. The Central Committee, where Djilas found support only from his friend Vladimir Dedijer and his first wife Mitra Mitrovic, expelled him. He himself forestalled the inevitable by resigning from his government offices and, a few months later, from party membership. Within a year he and Dedijer, after giving interviews to *The New York Times* and *The Times* respectively, were tried on charges of hostile propaganda and received suspended sentences of imprisonment.

Barred from political activity, Djilas took up his pen. From this period date *Land Without Justice* and his best-known political work *The New Class* (smuggled out of Yugoslavia and published in the West in 1957). In this book Djilas breathed new life into the Marxist critique of society under Communist Party rule which had flagged somewhat since the death of Trotsky. He had become sceptical not only of the hopes laid on de-Stalinisation in the Soviet Union, but also of the ability of "national Communism" to evolve either away from Moscow or, internally, into a better social order. Djilas discerned an underlying tendency towards unification in the world; but the tenor of his analysis was pessimistic.

By the time *The New Class* appeared in print, Djilas had already been sentenced to three years' imprisonment for criticising (in the foreign press) Tito's appraisal of the Hungarian revolution. On its publication he received a further sentence of seven years, with the loss of all decorations. In 1958 Tito denounced Djilas as a renegade and Judas. This was perhaps the lowest point of his fortunes.

In time, however, political relaxation of a sort in most of Eastern Europe, together with Yugoslavia's growing aspirations to leadership in the non-aligned world, made it embarrassing to hold such a well-known figure in jail on political charges. After prolonged negotiations, Djilas was released early in 1961 on condition that he observed certain undertakings: among them, not to indulge in political activity against the law, and not to permit any reprinting of *The New Class*. But in the spring of 1962 the publication in the United States of *Conversations With Stalin* — an account of three occasions on which Djilas had taken part in official negotiations with the Soviet dictator — came inopportunely at a moment when the Yugoslav leaders were set on *rapprochement* with the Soviet Union. Djilas was held to have broken his undertaking, and received a further five years in jail, with a five-year ban on public activity on the expiry of the sentence.

Once again, however, political circumstances led to his release before the full term was served. In the summer of 1966 Vice-President Rankovic fell from office, but the serious charges levelled against him — which included conspiracy against President Tito — were not pressed. To leave Djilas in jail for lesser offences was invidious, and on the last day of the year he was released. He had spent, in all, rather more than eight years in prison.

In the autumn of 1968 Tito, reckoning perhaps — and rightly — that Djilas would speak well of Tito's support for Dubcek, allowed Djilas to visit Britain and the United States, and later Vienna and Rome. But Djilas had taken the manuscript of his next book *The Unperfect Society* to America, where it was published after his return to Yugoslavia. It was an attempt to state philosophically Djilas's rejection not only of Communism but of Marxism, in general and for Yugoslavia in particular. Its appearance led directly to the withdrawal of the passport that had recently been granted to him.

From then on Djilas lived the life of an internal émigré. He was not destitute, thanks to his royalties and to his general's pension; but the ban on public activity remained in force, and no published word of his appeared in Yugoslavia. He continued to comment, through interviews and articles published abroad, on international and Yugoslav affairs. But for some twenty years the Yugoslav authorities made him an "unperson", never so much as mentioned in public. This strategy had some success, for he was largely forgotten in his own country, and in 1968 the Belgrade student radicals showed no interest in contact with him. But as Yugoslavia began to demonstrate that it, too, was liable to repeated outbreaks of intellectual dissent (if not exactly a coherent dissident movement), public attacks on Djilas were resumed.

A series of articles in a Belgrade weekly in 1973 traced most of the unrest among intellectuals back to Djilas. In 1975 Djilas used the international press to defend the writer Mihajlo Mihajlov who had been sentenced (for the fourth time) to imprisonment for attempting to exercise the right of free speech. In 1977, a few months before the issue of human rights was comprehensively aired by Western delegates at the Belgrade Conference on European Peace and Security, Djilas embarrassed the Yugoslav government by asserting that there were some six hundred political prisoners in Yugoslavia, substantially more than there had been under the prewar monarchy and proportionately more than there were now in the Soviet Union.

The authorities replied by expanding the accusatory 1973 articles into two large volumes entitled *Liberalism — from Djilas to the present day*, and by police harassment of Djilas and his family. By then "liberalism" was possibly not far off the mark. Djilas himself chose the philosophical label "existential humanist".

In 1978 participation in an effort to link Serb and Croat dissidents earned him a warning from the police that he should cease "anti-Yugoslav" activity. Nothing daunted, when some of the dissidents founded a *samizdat* periodical (quickly suppressed) Djilas contributed one of his best short stories, *The Leper*, not previously published in Serbo-Croat. For this he was heavily fined but refused to pay. In the spring of 1984 he spoke at a meeting of 28 intellectuals in a Belgrade flat, for which he was detained for 18 hours and briefly interrogated. But by the time Yugoslavia began breaking up he had ceased to be a political figure of any influence.

Djilas wished to be judged by literary as much as — perhaps more than — by political standards, and his published *oeuvre* is considerable. Apart from *Conversations with Stalin* and a short book on his relationship with Tito, brought out shortly after Tito died, there are four volumes of straight autobiography. The third of these, *Wartime*, is a vivid and painfully honest account of the often brutal partisan struggle against domestic as well as foreign enemies. The fourth volume, entitled *Power*, appeared in Serbo-Croat in London in 1983.

His juvenilia include poems, sketches and short stories, mainly on Montenegrin or Belgrade themes. There are two studies of Njegos, the Montenegrin Prince-Bishop and poet. Djilas's translation of *Paradise Lost* into Serbo-Croat (undertaken in jail and first drafted on toilet-paper) may well have reflected a perceived analogy between Djilas himself and Milton's fallen angel. Djilas's fiction includes the historical novels *Montenegro* and *Under the Colours*, with several collections of short stories.

It is perhaps appropriate that he received not a Nobel Prize for Literature, but the United States Freedom Award (for 1969).

Djilas's first marriage was dissolved. His second wife died two years ago. He is survived by the daughter of his first marriage and the son of his second.

MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT GOLDSMITH

Major-General Robert Goldsmith, CB, CBE, Regimental Colonel of the Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry, 1960-63, died on April 7 aged 87. He was born on June 21, 1907.

JUST before the outbreak of war in 1939 the RAF found itself short of trained staff officers. In these circumstances, "Robin" Goldsmith, as he was nicknamed, fresh from staff college, was seconded to the Intelligence Staff of a bomber group. This resulted in his wartime career taking on a marked air and airborne bias, although, at heart, he was a staunch Cornish light infantryman who rose to become the highly respected Regimental Colonel of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (DCLI), and later of the Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry (SCLI) after the regimental amalgamations of the late 1950s.

Robert Goldsmith had followed his father, Colonel Harty Dundas Goldsmith, into the DCLI just after the latter had relinquished his command in 1927. He was educated at Wellington College and Sandhurst, and served in India with the 1st DCLI for six years, including a spell in Lucknow, where the 32nd Cornwall Light Infantry had taken part in the heroic defence of the Residency in 1857. From that time onwards, he developed an intense interest in military history, which led to his appointment as editor of *The Army Quarterly* in 1966 after he had retired.

Physically a large man with a rather serious and reserved demeanour but a kindly and considerate nature, he had an inquiring mind as well as being exceptionally well read and a lover of classical music. Such were his abilities that he passed into the staff college well ahead of his contemporaries in 1937. His subsequent two years with the RAF led to his appointment to the joint staff of the RAF's newly-formed Army Co-operation Command in 1941. He was then given a short spell with the 4th DCLI on anti-invasion duty in Essex, but was soon recalled to the staff, this time of General "Boy" Browning's nascent 1st Airborne Division as its GSO1 (Training).

In late 1942, after the North African landings had begun, the 2nd DCLI was ordered to Tunisia, but was without a CO. "Boy" Browning released Robin, who commanded the battalion in the hard-fought battles around Medjez-el-Bab in April 1943. Much to his chagrin, he missed the final battles for Tunis because the 1st Airborne Division arrived in North Africa and needed him back urgently as GSO1 for its planned operations with the Americans.

From May 1943 to the end of the war he was with Airborne Forces. After the 1st Airborne's landings in Sicily and Italy, he stayed as GSO1 until just before Arnhem when, promoted brigadier, he became Deputy Chief of Staff to the Anglo-American 1st Airborne Army and was awarded the American Legion of Merit. Nothing, however, upset him more than the Arnhem disaster, which he was very reluctant to discuss even in his later years.

After the war, he felt that he was marking time as an instructor at the newly-formed Joint Services Staff College; then as a member of the Imperial Defence College; and finally as Commander of 131 Brigade (TA), when he was appointed CBE.

At last, in 1951, came the appointment that he deemed the most challenging of his career. He became Chief of Staff, British Troops Egypt, from the time of the abrogation of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty until the new but short-lived Anglo-Egyptian Settlement was reached three years later. The Canal Zone was virtually under siege for the whole period and, as Chief of Staff, he bore immense responsibilities, which were rewarded with the CB.

Most of his service he felt was something of an anti-climax: War Office Deputy Director of Personal Services, 1954-56; Chief of Staff, Western Command, 1956-59; and GOC Yorkshire District, 1959-62. It was during this period that he was appointed Regimental Colonel of the DCLI — 1958-59 — and he saw through their amalgamation with the Somerset Light Infantry, becoming Regimental Colonel of the new combined SCLI, 1960-63. His wise counsel, coupled with his unrivalled knowledge of the regimental histories of both regiments, played a significant part in the success of the amalgamation.

He retired from the Army in 1963, and took over the editorship of *The Army Quarterly* in 1966, which he held for seven years. Moving to Winchester in 1968, he became closely associated with the affairs of the cathedral. He edited *The Cathedral Record* for ten years, and wrote the booklet on its military memorials.

In 1935 he married Brenda, daughter of Frank Bartlett of the Ceylon Civil Service. They had one son, Alick, who became the third generation in the DCLI when he joined as a National Service officer. He subsequently entered the diplomatic service. Brenda died in 1983: Alick survives him.

JAMES GARDNER

James Gardner, industrial designer, died on March 25 aged 87. He was born on December 29, 1907.

JAMES GARDNER was a versatile, inventive and technically expert display designer. He had a rare ability to bring to his work a complete understanding of the scientific, historical and technical subject matter which formed the basis of nearly all of his commissions. These in his later years led to a great deal of involvement with world fairs, science exhibitions and national museum projects. He was an outstanding expert at three-dimensional story presentation and also at various documentary exhibition techniques.

After leaving school in 1924 Gardner was an apprentice to Cartier in Bond Street. During the Second World War, as Chief Army Deception Officer, he was responsibility for the development of revolutionary camouflage concepts such as the construction of inflatable rubber dummy guns, tanks and landing craft.

After the war he was involved as chief designer with many government exhibition projects and British pavilions at UK and world fairs including the 1946 *Britain Can Make It* exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the 1951 Festival Gardens funfair in Battersea and the UK pavilion at the Brussels World Fair in 1958. His contribution to the very successful British pavilion at Expo '67 in Montreal won much popular acclaim for its whimsical humour.

Afterwards he was responsible for the design of the *Search Scientific Exhibition* at the Kensington Science Museum, the Evolution Science and Technology Museum in Eindhoven, Holland, the US Bicentennial Exhibition at Cape Canaveral, the Museum of Diaspora in Tel Aviv and the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, where his great sense of dramatic documentary presentation made the Holocaust exhibit a most moving experience.

James Gardner's wife predeceased him and he is survived by two sons.

ON THIS DAY

April 21 1913

The father of Deirdre was Gordon Craig, the theatre designer; Patrick's was Paris Singer, heir to the sewing machine millions. The dancer's own death, in 1927, was equally tragic and dramatic: she was strangled when, driving in an open car, her scarf became entangled in the rear wheel spokes.

MOTOR-CAR IN THE SEINE.

MME. ISADORA DUNCAN'S TWO CHILDREN DROWNED.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, APRIL 20.

A most distressing motor-car accident took place yesterday in the Paris suburb of Neuilly, when the car containing the two young children of Mme. Isadora Duncan, the well-known dancer, and their nurse, a Scotswoman named Miss Annie Sim, was precipitated into the Seine, and all the occupants drowned.

The car, which was in charge of a driver named Masserand, left Mme. Isadora Duncan's house in the Rue Chauveau at Neuilly about 3.20 p.m., in order to take the children and their nurse for a drive to Versailles. It had only gone a few hundred yards when the driver had to pull up suddenly in order to avoid a taxicab which crossed in front of him at right angles coming from the Boulevard Bourdon. Masserand had to leave his seat in order to turn the crank before the car could be restarted. In all probability he had not properly adjusted the speed-lever, since before he could remount the car started of itself and proceeded at a rapid rate across the Boulevard Bourdon, across the pavement on the other side of the boulevard, and down the sloping grassy bank of the Seine, whence it plunged into the river. As it afterwards turned out, the car continued its course parallel to the bank for some 20 or 30 yards under the water. The driver had endeavoured to remount and regain control of the motor, but he was thrown off the footboard by the jerk caused when the wheels reached the pavement. The depth of the river at this point is some 20ft. or 30ft., and the car after it had plunged in totally disappeared.

A number of workmen, who were drinking on the terrace of a neighbouring cafe, had witnessed the accident, and they behaved with great promptness and courage. One of them dived several times into the water, but was unable to locate the submerged car. Others of them ran to the nearest fire station and alarmed the fire brigades of Neuilly and Levallois, who were quickly on the scene, followed at short intervals by men of the Paris brigade and by M. Hennion, the new Prefect of Police. M. Hennion telephoned for divers from the station at the Island of Saint Louis. A large motor-boat was also soon requisitioned and its crew were the first to succeed in locating the submerged car in the bed of the river. Strenuous and indeed desperate efforts were made to get it to the bank, but an hour and a half elapsed before the crew of the motor-boat by means of ropes and anchors finally managed to haul it ashore.

There was a heart-rending scene when the door of the car was opened and the children were found clinging to their dead nurse. The elder child, a girl named Deirdre, aged six, was, like the nurse, manifestly dead. The younger, a boy named Patrick, aged three, who had buried his head on the nurse's breast, was thought to show some signs of life, and the doctors from the American Hospital at Neuilly did everything possible to revive him, but in vain.

M. Raymond Duncan, the brother of the dancer, who resides with his sister and was at her house when the accident occurred, had been attracted to the river bank by the noise of the crowd. It was he who had to break the terrible news to Mme. Isadora Duncan, who fainted and still remains in a state of complete prostration. The nurse, who was 40 years of age, came from Brighton. Her watch was found to have stopped at 3.23 p.m., the moment at which the motor-car plunged into the Seine . . .

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Oops — who can cope with it?

Chris Partridge assesses the problems of a new type of programing

Computer people have always suffered the need to retrain completely every few years to keep pace with developments. But the advent of a software technique known as *object-orientated programing* (OOP) could be bringing with it the threat that many IT specialists might not have the mental agility to make the jump.

A recent study in America claims that up to four out of five software *engineers* may be psychologically unfitted to use object-orientated techniques effectively, and while *that claim is widely dismissed* in the industry, it is acknowledged that a new round of retraining will be *necessary and a large number of* programers will fail to make the change.

Tony *Murphy*, *UK consulting* manager at Sterling Software, believes that the US study overstates *the case, but that the industry* needs to look at the problem. "I think that to say that only 20 per cent of programers are *able to use* OOP is a bit low — my experience is that most good developers will pick up new *techniques, although there* may be an older generation of people coming from Assembler backgrounds who may not be able *to make the transition*."

Part of the problem is that there is no agreed definition of object *orientation. "What we don't have is* a standard concept of what OOP is," Mr Murphy explains. "OOP is *basically modelling the world* in objects — something like 'a customer' or 'an employee'."

The *traditional* approach to a programing problem is to start at the beginning and work through to *the end. To run the program*, you put in the data and press the start button. With OOP, the system is *split up into modules representing* the various functions, each of which has its own data set.

The main advantage of the OOP approach is that modules can be re-*used, enabling potentially* dramatic savings in development times for new systems. The drawback is that each *module has to be written from* the ground up with standardised commands and data formats, otherwise they will not work together *in the field, and this discipline may* be the reason why so many programers have problems with OOP.

However, the potential gains are so substantial the industry could go *for OOP in a massive way. "I see* OOP taking over completely in five years." Mr Murphy says.

Data Sciences, one of *Britain's* biggest software houses, recently announced its Genus system which will transform the entire company's output into object oriented form over the next few years.

David Snowden, business development manager at Data Sciences, says that the use of object orientation will lead to big savings in programing and testing.

"It used to be said that the time spent in getting a product out was spent 35 per cent on design, 25 per *cent in programing and 45 per cent* on assembly and test," he says. "Once the shift has been made to a *successful understanding of object* methodologies the split becomes 80-10-10."

In cost terms, the savings are even more dramatic, Mr Snowden says. "The saying is 'spend £1 on *design, spend £20 on test*', so concentrating on the design process cuts costs dramatically later."

But object orientation does need a different way of working, and software people trained in traditional techniques can find it difficult to make the change.

"Object orientation has been seen as a panacea when it is just another supporting technology — but it does involve a fundamental shift in the way you work," Mr Snowden says. However, even fully trained OOP technicians can miss the point, as Mr Snowden explains.

"We did a project recently to develop a List Object, a utility to take some data and list it," he says. "One group of product people with no experience of object-orientated programing, just ordinary Cobol skills, were put through a two-week course *in OOP*. The other group were all highly expert in OOP skills and techniques.

"*The experts* took three months to write a new routine, test it and get it ready. The product people got theirs *finished far faster* — they bought one for five dollars off the Internet, although they did get told off for *not going through the proper* quality control procedures."

Tony Murphy, UK consulting manager at Sterling Software: he believes some older programers might not make the transition

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Hand in glove into the future

Simon Tait on the RCA's attempt to remould the electronic world

On the computer screens of the Royal College of Art's department of computer-related design the future of our everyday electronic life is being developed.

The RCA has a contract for £2.5 million from the Interval Research Corporation, a computer software design operation set up by Paul Allen, who co-founded Microsoft with Bill Gates. The college has set up a computer "studio", where a research team is working on a five-year programme looking at "human interactive design".

Professor Gillian Crampton-Smith, the college's head of computer-related design, explains that her brief is not merely to make new technology user-friendly, but also user-inspired. "We want to make the technology more beautiful, more enjoyable, more efficient, and basically to make the stuff fit people better."

Her team of ten also includes two product designers, a graphics designer, and a hardware engineer.

An example of their work is the "phone glove", which looks something like a golfer's mitt, with dial buttons and a mouthpiece on the palm. "Cellular phones can still be an awful embarrassment for a lot of people when they are halted by bleeping little black boxes poking out of their pockets and handbags," she says.

MICHAEL POWELL

Professor Gillian Crampton-Smith with the "phone glove" — "we want to make technology more beautiful," she says

"This is an attempt to make something which makes the telephone more a part of the user. It's not a thing of great beauty yet, but it works."

At a screen, a product designer was working on a telephone answering machine which lets you see at a glance who has left you a message, on what subject and how important it is, before you listen to it. The gadget, a little larger than an average television remote control, will recognise the voices of callers, certain words in their messages and even judge the pitch and timbre of the voice, to calculate the urgency of the call.

The hardware is barely in place, the software still arriving, but the studio has five main areas of endeavour in this infinite field of research.

The first is what they call the electronic landscape, or the everyday use of computers in the language of the material world rather than computerese.

The second area is to get beyond the keyboard and the mouse to use a full range of senses — sight, sound, touch, muscle-memory — to work computers.

Then there is the growing problem of information overload, with more and more online information being useless to most of us. How can information techniques be created to help users to get quickly to what they need in amounts they can handle?

Virtual space is the fourth area. Processes could be speeded up if more informal electronic meetings could be held across distance. Architects and product designers working on the same commission but from different sides of the world, for instance, could effectively drop in on each other for ad hoc meetings.

And finally, the studio is looking at simply devising software tools to make computers suit individual needs and lifestyles.

All this work is being done on screen, which has led to fears of an end to traditional design-methods — graphic designers such as Professor Crampton-Smith now never pick up a pencil to work — as well as the beginning of the end of fine art. "This is not true," she says. "There are ways in which fine artists are experimenting with computer-generated art and computer art is an established fact, but artists will always have to draw their shapes and trust their eyes for colour, however well we develop software."

ONLINE

The sound of ripeness

SMART shoppers have long known that ripeness can be heard by tapping a melon and listening for a low, hollow sound. Now, scientists at Japan's National Food Research Institute have developed an instrument which detects ripeness in certain fruits without penetrating them.

After using the instrument to determine the speed of sound through a test sample of melons, researchers found that 80 per cent of the melons judged as ripe had a sound speed of 23 to 30 miles a second.

New on Internet

RECENT arrivals on the Internet include the Natural Death Centre at http://www.protree.com/worldtrans/naturaldeath.html. It includes information on the legal position of what it calls DIY or family organised burial and the addresses of woodland burial sites.

Also available from this week are government press releases at http://www.coi.gov.uk/coi/depts/deptlist.html, and the start of an official information service for the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996 at http://www.atlanta.olympic.org

Tipped off

ABOUT 25 million PCs will be in landfills around the world by the end of the year, according to a study by the Carnegie Mellon University. It predicts that within a decade the number will rise to 150 million.

Better and better

INTEL has announced a free upgrade of its Proshare technology for making video phone calls through PCs. The upgrade will allow PCs with Proshare to connect to most other video conferencing systems, including those made by Sony, Picture Tel and AT&T.

Proshare consists of hardware and software that converts a PC into a videophone with each user seeing the other person in a small window on the PC screen through a camera mounted on top of the monitor.

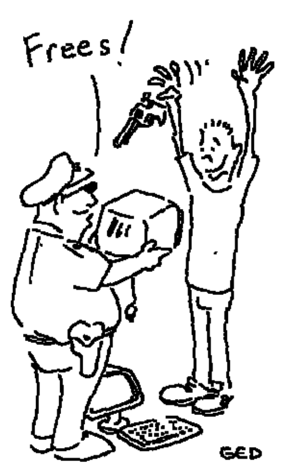
Getting the bill

BILL Gates, chairman of Microsoft, received the final bill from his wedding last week when he settled a lawsuit filed by a television reporter who was arrested while covering the story.

Mr Gates and Dole Food, a company which owns 95 per cent of the Hawaiian island Lanai where the wedding took place on New Year's Day, agreed to pay the reporter "substantial" damages. The judge noted that he had been arrested in a public park.

Loaded systems

POLICE in San Francisco have tried offering cash for guns, groceries for guns and even concert tickets for guns. Now they are giving used computers to anyone turning in a working handgun — no question asked. The hundreds of donated IBM systems have software loaded on them and some also have modems.



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Matthew May on what the consumer surveys tell us about the future of personal computers

Will every home have one?

In America, apparently, personal computers outsold televisions last year. Can it be true? The number of computers actually in use in British or American homes varies enormously depending on who you ask.

So are we going PC mad? Perhaps. A report this month from the research firm GFK Marketing Services says that more than one million home computers were sold to British households last year. At £827 million that is more than is spent on video recorders (£587 million) or audio systems (£508 million). It says their average price was just over £1,000 and six out of ten of the computers were equipped with a CD-Rom drive.

According to GFK, second-hand computers grew from 28 per cent of the home computer market at the end of 1993 to more than 40 per cent by the end of 1994 at an average price of £250.

A report this month by IDC, the research firm, looked at things slightly differently. One in four British households now has a PC at home it says, but is quick to point out that such a high figure is partly due to the number of older PCs in the home. About 22 per cent, it says, were purchased in 1990 or before. The high figure is also partly due, it adds, to the growth in teleworking with about one in eight home PCs purchased by employers.

Microsoft seems to have had fun with its survey of 2,000 adults in Britain, France and Germany, also published this month. It comes up with the claim that, given an extra hour in the day, 37 per cent of French PC users would rather use a computer than spend "intimate time" with a lover. Only 11 per cent of the romantic British, however, would go for the same option.

From the answers to other questions, Microsoft claims that two in every five of the population now believe that a personal computer in the home is essential and that an astonishing one in ten of us intends to buy one this year.

Before PC manufacturers race to triple their production, however, they might also like to note that half of those questioned believe that within five years we will no longer need to carry cash.

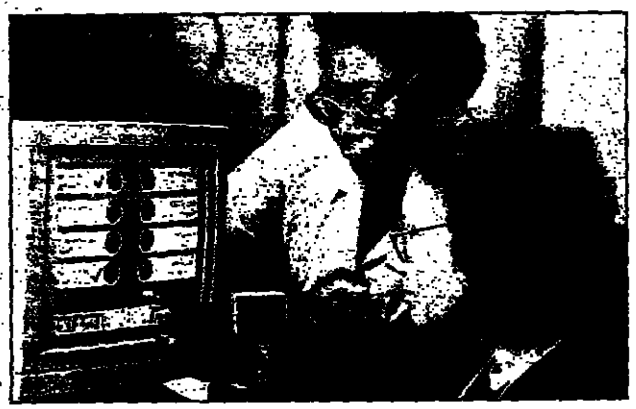
Consulting the computer

IF YOU want to know more about your illness, feel free to consult our computer. This is the message to rheumatology patients at St Thomas' Hospital in London where the first computer program to help patients to understand disease has undergone a successful three-month trial.

Outpatients are being offered access to Medibook with a CD-Rom called *So you have Rheumatism*, which uses a touch screen to answer some of the most commonly occurring questions.

The system is scripted and presented by Dr Graham Hughes, the hospital's consultant rheumatologist. "As a profession we're guilty of not getting feedback," he says. "The more pushy patients will usually get what they want, while the meeker ones will often lose out."

Medibook allows even the most reticent of patients to learn more about their particular disease — at their own pace and without the possible additional stress of a face to face consultation. Soothing in tone, but with a no-nonsense introduction from Dr Hughes, it invites the user to touch the screen for information on any of ten main rheumatic diseases.



The Medibook system in action at St Thomas' Hospital

Each subject area includes detailed answers to eight questions commonly asked, ranging from typical symptoms and the chances of making a full recovery to whether a disease is hereditary and the types of diet which are likely to prove most beneficial.

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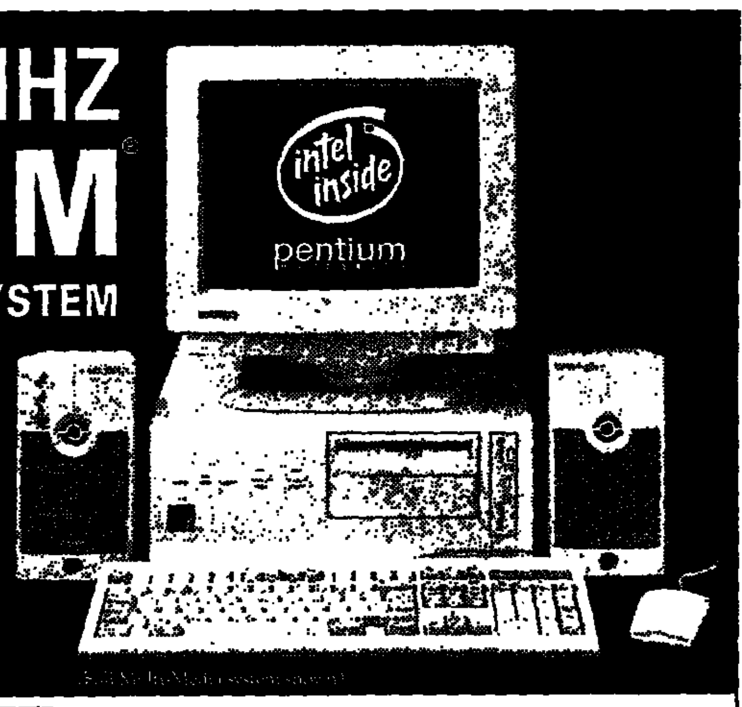

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NEWS

Britain sends bomb suspect to US

■ An Arab-American suspected of involvement in the Oklahoma City bomb blast was flown back to the United States after being stopped at Heathrow Airport as a result of an FBI alert. His luggage, which was booked on another flight to the Middle East, was later seized at Rome airport.

Three other men of Middle Eastern extraction were being questioned after being arrested on immigration charges. Two were held in Dallas and one in Oklahoma City ..... **Pages 1, 10**

Animal demonstrators injure police

■ Four police officers, one of them a woman, suffered eye and face injuries when bottles, cans, stones and coins were thrown by animal rights activists in Brightlingsea, Essex. Sue Wheeler, one of the demonstrators, said she saw a can of paint hit a policeman in the eye .... **Pages 1, 7**

MPs suspended

Two Conservative MPs were suspended from the Commons over their roles in the "cash-for-questions" affair. David Tredinnick, MP for Bosworth, and Graham Riddick, MP for Colne Valley, apologised .... **Pages 1, 9**

Church 'reckless'

The Church of England's financial management was denounced as reckless and foolish in a scathing Commons report after the Church lost £800 million in property speculation .... **Pages 1, 4**

Hostages freed

Six Britons were among 16 hostages freed by rebels in Sierra Leone after being marched hundreds of miles .... ***Page 1***

No fee opposition

The Lord Chancellor is expected to face tough opposition from senior legal figures over his proposals to allow lawyers to take on "no win no fee" cases .... ***Page 2***

Earl defends sacking

The Earl of Shelburne, a close friend of the Prince of Wales, defended his decision to sack a high-flying businesswoman appointed to run the £4 million golf course on his estate .... **Page 3**

Annoyed hero, 71

A retired businessman aged 71 wrestled a 25-year-old armed bankraider to the ground because he was "annoyed at being threatened", a court was told .... **Page 3**

Organs not for sale

Human organs and tissue should not be bought or sold, an expert committee has concluded. Freely given "spare parts" should *not* become commodities .... **Page 5**

Bullying teachers

Thousands of teachers are being bullied by their colleagues, Britain's second largest teaching union said .... **Page 6**

Boredom riots

An immigration detention centre that was the scene of riots and hunger strikes is criticised for failing to provide activities to prevent boredom and frustration among inmates .... **Page 7**

Election guide

As the French prepare for the presidential elections, the great mass of people believe that for all its wealth and recovery from recent recession, France is deep in crisis .... **Page 12**

Russian despair

Russia has the second-highest suicide rate in the world, with 53 people in every 10,000 killing themselves — more than .5 per cent of the population .... **Page 13**

Sanctions row

America and Russia are at loggerheads over UN sanctions against Yugoslavia, due to be reviewed today, with Washington seeking stricter controls and Moscow pressing for an easing of the curbs .... **Page 13**

Killer seals attack porpoises

■ Scientists are investigating a series of attacks by grey seals on porpoises, a marine conservation group said. The investigation comes amid further reports of killings of porpoises by dolphins in the Cromarty Firth. Attacks by dolphins have been well documented but similar behaviour by grey seals has never been described .... **Page 8**

ANGLIA PRESS AGENCY

Policemen help a colleague who was hit in the face by paint during the animal rights protest at Brightlingsea yesterday. Pages 1, 7

BUSINESS

Rothmans: Richemont, the holding company of the South African Rupert family, made an agreed bid for Rothmans which values the company at £4.15 billion .... **Page 23**

Pensions: Insurance companies found guilty of misselling investments face public humiliation by being forced to take out full page newspaper advertisements admitting guilt .... **Page 23**

Economy: The Government overshot its borrowing target last year making it more difficult for the Chancellor to deliver large pre-election tax cuts .... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 4.6 to 3174.7. Sterling's index rose from 83.9 to 84.5 after a fall from $1.6178 to $1.6118 but a rise from DM2.1900 to DM2.2085 .... **Page 26**

SPORT

Snooker: The inquiry into suspected match-rigging, adjourned on Wednesday after Jimmy White had been exonerated, will re-open in Manchester on May 8. Peter Francisco's prize has been withheld until the hearing .... **Page 42**

Cricket: A stubborn unbeaten 77 from their captain, Dermot Reeve, saved Warwickshire, the county champions, from a three-day defeat by England A .... **Page 39**

Rugby Union: There seems little chance of the RFU sanctioning a European tournament involving English clubs before the 1996/97 season .... **Page 40**

Motor Racing: Nigel Mansell, having missed the first two grands prix of the season, is pessimistic about his chances .... **Page 44**

Shrewd words: Whatever else she may achieve, Josie Lawrence is determined that her Shrew will *not* be a "tortured victim" when she makes her RSC debut in *The Taming* tonight .... **Page 33**

Fine Floss: Shared Experience's new staging of George Eliot's *The Mill on the Floss* is adventurous and full of fine things, says Benedict Nightingale .... **Page 33**

After thirty: Edward Zwick, creator of the cult television hit *thirtysomething*, has abruptly switched direction and made an epic Western movie .... **Page 34**

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New horizons: Computer buffs have a new software technique which will make it harder for them to retrain fast enough .... **Page 20**

Art and science: The Royal College of Art unveils the "phone glove", one of its attempts to remould and beautify electronics .... **Page 21**

If the World Trade Centre bombing was a wake-up call on terrorism, the car bomb attack on the federal building in downtown Oklahoma City was the tire iron over the head. We can no longer assume that we are immune to the dangers that have preyed upon European and Middle Eastern cities — *USA Today*

In the aftermath of the Oklahoma explosion, the gutted building and the cars burning on the streets were more reminiscent of war-torn Beirut than a city in America's heartland. That is a fate Americans must and their Government must never tolerate — *New York Times*

Preview: the satirical news quiz *Have I Got News for You* (BBC2, 10.00pm) returns. **Review:** Matthew Bond thought that *Top Gear* was a half-hearted effort with the presenter assessing cars in motorised metaphors .... **Page 43**

No turning back

It has long been clear that the Church of England cannot depend on the inherited wealth that its commissioners manage. Anglicans must realise that there is no alternative to change .... **Page 17**

Off the mark

The Bank of England must make clear that interest rates are being revised in a response to domestic inflation and not to stabilise the exchange rates: monetary policy cannot be dictated again by the wayward German mark .... **Page 17**

Public disorder

The invocation of the 1986 Public Order Act does not threaten to abridge the civil rights of protesters at Brightlingsea or elsewhere: the citizens of this country have never accounted breaking the law as a civil right .... **Page 17**

BERNARD LEVIN

I ask the obvious question: what would the people of Oklahoma had lost if they had not seen the carnage live on television? And, having seen it, what had they gained? .... **Page 16**

JANET DALEY

The paternalism of the British educated classes would strike most Americans as not just wrong-headed but morally repugnant. Newt Gingrich is simply restoring the US to its roots .... **Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

There is no evidence of widespread corruption among MPs, or, to use that irritatingly vague term, sleaze. The problem is more one of the absence of agreed standards of behaviour when more MPs are taking up consultancies .... **Page 9**

Milovan Djilas, former Vice-President of Yugoslavia; Major-General Robert Goldsmith, Regimental Colonel of the Somerset and Cornwall Light Infantry .... **Page 19**

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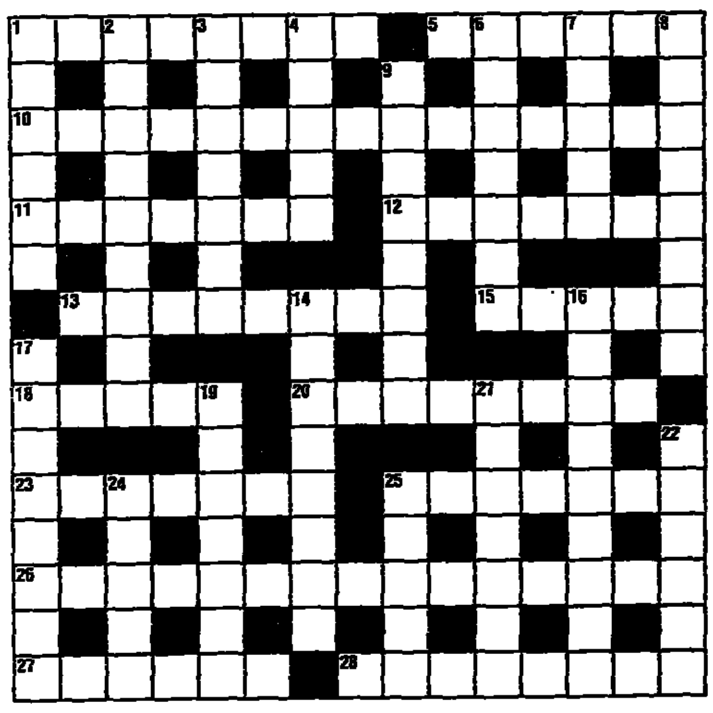

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1 Backward fellow I keep in school to mollify (8).
5 Lots of temporary accommodations round university here (6).
10 Locate luggage before term in Oxbridge, say (11,4).
11 Provoke king to provide some support for cavalier (7).
12 Noise moves wild animals (7).
13 Guy's memorial? A plot, and his ruination (8).
15 Capital I invested in furniture (5).
18 Check fitness of test cricket side (3,2).
20 Book used in bed-time game (9).
23 Revolting drunk makes one extremely tense (7).
25 Irish expression for, say, soldiers in British army section (7).
26 Open accounts, promoting business (6,9).
27 Jack to hit, for one (6).
28 Gang I judge for criminal activity (8).

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1 Depressed doctor with expression of disgust (6).
2 Blunder over it gets hidden by politician in this country (9).
3 Stick on a pendant — that's sweet (7).
4 Not so fast! (3-2).
6 Man, possibly, having left university (American) (7).
7 Leaders of party have only two objectives, still (5).
8 Helper in church faces bishop, perhaps (8).
9 Modern food store sounds capital (3,5).
14 Whip upset over one act? That's not saying much (8).
16 Resolve to be prominent abroad (6,3).
17 Trollop getting second wind, in part (8).
19 Garment needs altering, e.g. in leg (7).
21 Great old man can be so narrow-minded (7).
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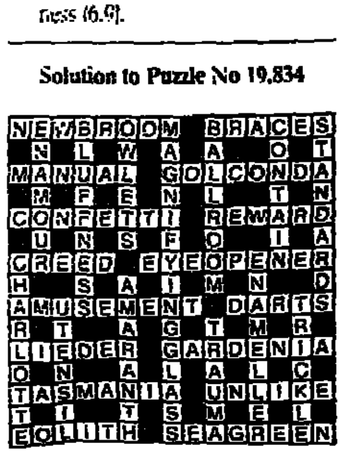

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** there will be sunshine at times everywhere. Many places, especially in southeast England and East Anglia, are likely to stay dry and bright all day. There will be a few showers in southwest England and South Wales, but rain will be more frequent in northern England, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Some of the showers will be heavy and it will still be cold enough for sleet and snow.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England:** mainly dry and sunny. Wind light or moderate northeasterly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N England, NE England:** some sunshine, scattered heavy showers, snow on hills. Wind light and variable. Chilly, max 11C (52F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** sunny at times, a few showers. Wind moderate northerly. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland:** some sunshine, showers heavy and prolonged. Wind light or moderate northerly. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** a little sunshine, but frequent showers of hail, sleet or snow. Wind moderate northerly. Cold, max 6C (43F).

☐ **N Ireland:** spells of sunshine, a few rain or sleet showers. Wind light northerly. Chilly, max 9C (48F).

☐ ***Outlook:*** cloudy; outbreaks of rain will reach southeast England by daybreak tomorrow and will then spread to most places during the day. On Sunday there will be some rain or drizzle, but southern districts may be warm and sunny.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	6.9	0.09	7	45	h	London	10.9	-	11	52	s
Anglesey	10.6	-	7	45	sh	Lowestoft	8.5	0.02	12	54	f
Aspatria	8.0	-		48	h	Manchester	9.5	0.02	9	48	s
Aviemore	5.4	0.19	5	41	sn	Margate	10.5	0.04	9	48	s
Belfast	10.8	0.05	8	46	sn	Minehead	X				
Birmingham	10.8	-	9	48	h	Morecambe	11.6	0.10	9	48	h
Bognor R	11.4	0.02	10	50	sh	Newcastle	5.8	0.03	7	45	sn
Bournem'th	3.3	-	11	52	sl	Newquay	10.6	0.18	8	46	s
Bristol	7.7	0.01	10	50	s	Norwich	9.8	0.01	9	48	sh
Buxton	6.6	-	6	43	s	Nottingham	X				
Cardiff	9.3	0.04	10	50	f	Oxford	6.9	-	11	52	sh
Clacton	3.9	0.07	10	50	s	Penzance	9.5	0.29	11	52	h
Cleethorpes	10.4	0.02	9	48	h	Plymouth	11.3	0.01	11	52	s
Cromer	10.3	-	8	46	s	Poole	9.6	0.03	11	52	sl
Doncaster	9.2	0.02	9	48	sh	Prestatyn	X	0.08	7	45	sh
Dunbar	X					Ross-o-wye	8.8	0.07	10	50	f
Eastbourne	12.7	-	10	50	s	Ryde	10.9	-	11	52	s
Edinburgh	7.1	0.06	9	48	b	Salcombe	11.0	-	12	54	s
Eskdalemuir	8.3	-	7	45	s	Sandown	9.3	-	11	52	s
Exmouth	11.5	-	10	50	b	Saunton Snd	10.9	0.04	9	48	s
Falmouth	X	0.19	10	50	s	Scarboro'	8.3	0.06	7	45	sn
Fishguard	9.0	0.09	7	45	h	Scilly Isles	10.6	0.09	10	50	h
Folkestone	12.5	0.05	9	48	sh	Shanklin	10.7	-	9	48	s
Glasgow	9.4	-	6	43	sh	Shrewsbury	11.0	0.01	9	48	sh
Guernsey	X					Skegness	10.5	0.04	8	46	sh
Hastings	7.4	0.01	10	50	s	Southend	X	-	9	48	s
Hayling I	10.8	-	10	50	s	Southport	X	0.05	8	46	s
Herne Bay	11.1	-	9	48	s	Southsea	13.7	-	10	50	s
Hove	9.7	-	9	48	s	Stornoway	3.2	0.22	6	43	sh
Hunstanton	9.1	0.01	8	46	sn	Swanage	10.4	-	12	54	s
Ilfracombe	X					Teignmouth	11.8	-	10	50	s
Isle of Man	12.4	0.02	8	46	s	Tenby	10.6	0.04	9	48	s
Jersey	8.2	[illegible]		50	sh	Tiree	7.6	0.07	7	45	h
Kinloss	5.1	0.12	7	45	sn	Torquay	11.8	-	12	54	s
Leeds	6.9	0.02	8	46	h	Tynemouth	X				
Lerwick	7.4	0.27	6	43	sh	Ventnor	10.6	-	12	54	s
Leuchars	9.4	0.01	9	48	sh	Weymouth	11.7	0.02	10	50	s
Liverpool	12.9	0.16	7	45	s						

These are Wednesday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	r	C'phagn	4	39	c	Madrid	16	61	f	Rome	15	59	f
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Corfu	18	64	s	Majorca	16	61	f	Salzburg	7	45	c
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Dublin	8	46	f	Malaga	22	72	f	S F'rsco	12	54	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Dubrovnik	16	61	s	Malta	19	66	s	Santiago	21	70	s
Amst'dm	7	45	r	Faro	19	66	s	Melb'rne	14	57	c	S Paulo	27	81	c
Athens	20	68	s	Florence	18	64	c	Miami	29	84	s	Seoul	16	61	s
Bahrain	23	73	s	Frankfurt	8	46	c	Milan	16	61	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Bangkok	35	95	s	Funchal	17	63	c	Montreal	15	59	s	St'kholm	0	32	sn
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	7	45	f	Moscow	23	73	s	Strasb'rg	9	48	c
Barcelona	15	59	f	Gibraltar	18	64	s	Munich	6	43	c	Sydney	21	70	c
Beirut	18	64	f	Helsinki	11	52	s	Nairobi	26	79	c	Tangier	16	61	f
Belgrade	21	70	s	Hong K	22	72	f	Naples	21	70	s	Tel Aviv	19	66	c
Berlin	5	41	c	Innsbrck	7	45	f	N Delhi	30	86	f	Tenerife	22	72	f
Bermuda	22	72	s	Istanbul	17	63	s	N York	20	68	c	Tokyo	19	66	s
Biarritz	11	52	f	Jeddah	32	90	s	Nice	15	59	f	Toronto	13	55	c
Borde'x	13	55	f	Jo'burg	23	73	s	Oslo	7	45	f	Tunis	24	75	s
Brussels	9	48	f	Karachi	35	95	s	Paris	8	46	f	Valencia	14	57	c
Budapest	22	72	c	L Palmas	21	70	f	Peking	20	68	s	Vanc'ver	8	46	f
B Aires	-	-		Le Touquet	8	46	s	Perth	23	73	s	Venice	15	59	f
Cairo	22	72	s	Lisbon	15	59	f	Prague	8	46	f	Vienna	15	59	f
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Locarno	9	48	d	Reykjavik	0	32	f	Warsaw	20	68	f
Chicago	8	46	c	L Angels	17	63	s	Rhodes	20	68	s	Wash'ton	28	82	s
Ch'church	23	73	-	Luxembg	4	39	c	Rio de J	24	75	f	Wellington	19	66	f
Cologne	10	50	f	Luxor	29	84	s	Riyadh	33	91	s	Zurich	4	39	f

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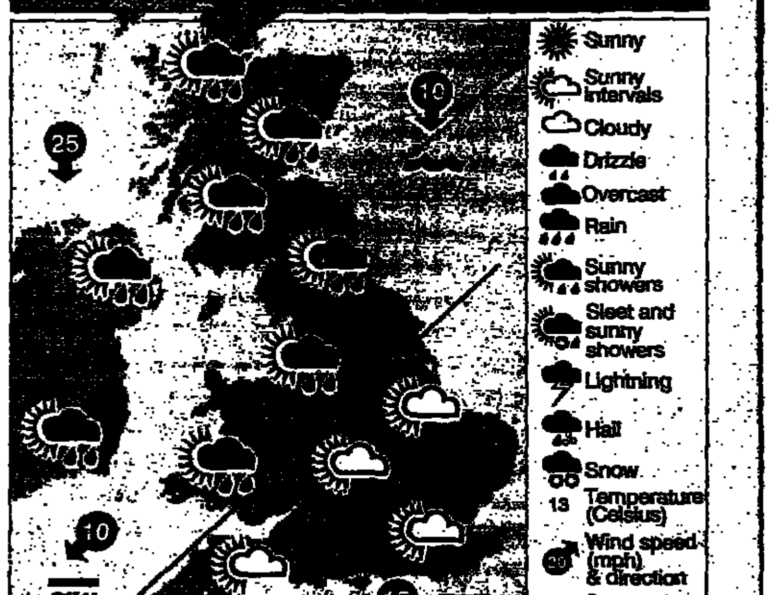

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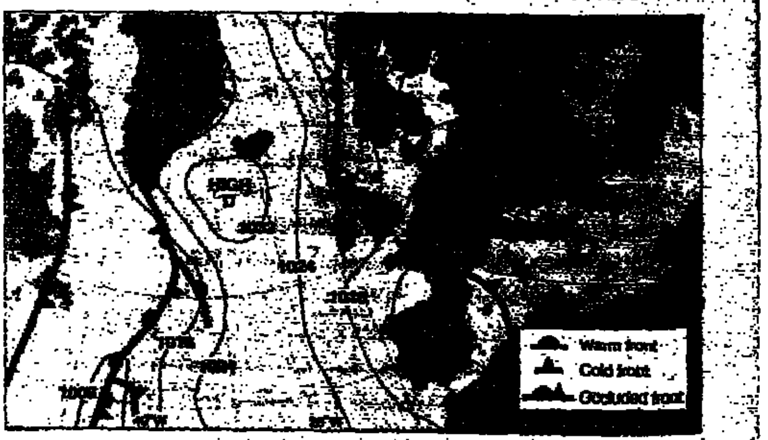

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5:46	6.72	6:04	6.35	Leith	6:46	5.08	7:26	5.00
Aberdeen	5:31	3.82	6:16	3.70	Liverpool	3:04	8.89	3:36	[illegible]
Avonmouth	11:15	11.52	11:37	11.23	Lowestoft	1:28	2.28	1:30	[illegible]
Belfast	3:02	3.28	3:51	3.14	Margate	3:57	4.53	4:12	[illegible]
Cardiff	11:04	10.30	11:33	9.97	Milford Haven	10:26	6.15	[illegible]	[illegible]
Devonport	10:01	4.84	10:20	4.90	Newquay	9:18	5.95	9:48	[illegible]
Dover	2:52	6.22	3:24	6.08	Oban	9:37	3.06	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	3:33	3.97	4:29	3.77	Penzance	8:51	4.86	9:25	4.71
Falmouth	9:15	4.51	9:47	4.53	Portland	10:44	1.62	[illegible]	[illegible]
Glasgow	4:51	4.37	5:12	4.38	Portsmouth	3:10	4.37	[illegible]	[illegible]
Harwich	3:40	3.84	4:00	3.58	Shoreham	2:58	5.70	[illegible]	[illegible]
Holyhead	2:08	5.23	2:50	4.83	Southampton	2:33	4.25	3:15	[illegible]
Hull	10:13	6.80	10:56	6.54	Swansea	10:29	8.66	10:59	[illegible]
Ilfracombe	10:02	8.22	10:32	8.09	Tees	7:51	4.92	[illegible]	[illegible]
King's Lynn	10:17	6.36	10:51	5.88	W'ton-on-Nze	3:46	4.04	4:05	[illegible]

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Sun rises: 5.54 am
Sun sets: 8.07 pm
Moon sets 11.05 am
Moon rises 1.48 am
Last quarter tomorrow

London 8.07 pm to 5.51 am
Bristol 8.16 pm to 6.01 am
Edinburgh 8.31 pm to 5.52 am
Manchester 8.20 pm to 5.55 am
Penzance 8.25 pm to 6.16 am

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook

Pension mis-sellers face public humiliation

By Robert Miller

Bowe: potential big problem

INSURANCE and other financial services companies which are found guilty of mis-selling investments face public humiliation by being forced to take out full-page newspaper advertisements admitting their guilt and spelling out the rules they have breached.

The radical proposal is part of a series of tough new measures said to be contained in a discussion document prepared by the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the regulator responsible for policing firms that sell investments direct to the public.

It is understood that the proposals, which are certain to provoke an outcry from the financial services industry, could be published before the end of the month. Another sanction could be to introduce direct contracts with individuals so that the PIA might discipline them as other City watchdogs already do.

The move to clamp down on companies and individuals mis-selling investments to the public comes in the wake of the publication yesterday of the final PIA guidelines on how its members should review past cases to identify people who were wrongly advised to opt out of company and occupational pension schemes and into personal pension plans. Life offices will automatically have to examine at least 350,000 cases and nearly one million more could demand a similar review from their pension provider.

The pensions industry faces a bill in compensation and costs that could top £3 billion. The PIA said that it expects life offices to have completed their reviews of the most urgent cases by the end of the year.

The course of remedial action most favoured by the PIA is for the guilty life companies to restore victims of mis-selling to their original pension scheme with no loss of benefit. Where this is too expensive or simply not possible, the PIA said that it would allow a suitable top-up payment to be made to the personal pension plan.

John Monks, TUC General-Secretary, gave warning that unless investors received full compensation "well over a million people could be facing poverty in retirement".

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers, which has identified more than 160 cases of mis-selling, said: "A compensation payment to a personal pension plan as an alternative to reinstatement in an occupational scheme is not acceptable."

The pensions industry last night claimed that it was being unfairly victimised. The Association of British Insurers said: "We have always stressed that this will be a costly and complex exercise. It is difficult enough to sort out without huge compensation payments on top. We remain strongly opposed to the idea that awards for distress and inconvenience could be made as well."

Colette Bowe, chief executive of the PIA, said: "There is potentially a big problem here and what matters is that it is gripped quickly and efficiently for the sake of investors and the firms concerned."

PSBR shoots past Clarke's £34bn target

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE Government overshot its borrowing target last year against most City expectations, making it more difficult for Kenneth Clarke to deliver the large pre-election tax cuts Conservative backbenchers so badly want.

The public sector borrowing requirement in March, the [illegible] month of the [illegible] tax year, was £10.4 billion, taking the cumulative PSBR for the year to £35.6 billion, compared with a November Budget forecast of £34.3 billion. The City had been expecting a borrowing requirement of nearer to £8 billion in March.

The most worrying aspect of yesterday's figures were that the overshoot resulted not from profligate spending by government departments, which came in a little lower than official forecasts, but because all main classes of tax — corporation, income and VAT — steadily came in under forecast throughout the year. The Treasury acknowledged that this reflected a weakening in the pace of recovery.

The Treasury noted that the PSBR was still a substantial improvement on the record deficit of £45.4 billion in 1993-94 and said that borrowing was falling faster in Britain than anywhere else in the European Union. It also claimed that the overshoot of £1.3 billion was well within the normal margin of error on forecasts. There are no plans to change the Treasury PSBR forecast for the current year of £21.5 billion.

Although an overshoot of £1 billion is statistically marginal, the City was still disappointed. The weakness of tax receipts highlighted the threat posed by slowing economic growth to the Government's aim of cutting the deficit.

Ian Shepherdson, UK economist at HSBC Markets, said that the figures underscored the danger of applying the brakes to the economy too sharply by raising interest rates. "Too slow a domestic economy means insufficient receipts to fund tax cuts *and* keep the PSBR on a downward profile in line with previous forecasts," he said.

The latest quarterly survey from the British Chambers of Commerce yesterday provided more evidence that the recovery is weakening. The Chambers found that the general outlook remained positive in the first three months of this year but also that growth in domestic demand had slowed significantly, particularly among manufacturers.

Many analysts felt that the PSBR figures meant it would be difficult both economically and politically for Kenneth Clarke to deliver large tax cuts this year. "Voters will need to be convinced that any tax cuts are sustainable. Otherwise, they will just see it as a re-run of the 1992 election," said one.

In 1992, the Government cut taxes and promised they would not go up again after the election. Since then, taxes have been raised substantially in successive budgets.

Economists believe very large tax cuts that are not justified by the path of the PSBR could well lead to higher interest rates to compensate for the fiscal loosening. But this, they argue, would be the wrong policy mix because it is those sectors of the economy which are sensitive to interest rates — such as the housing market — which are most likely to be weak.

The shortfall in VAT receipts — up 8.4 per cent compared with the Budget forecast of 11.4 per cent — clearly reflects the weakening of retail sales growth in recent months. Income taxes grew 7.9 per cent over the year compared with the forecast of 9.9 per cent. Corporation tax rose 29.9 per cent compared with a 35 per cent forecast.

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Independent 'on way' to breakeven

By Martin Waller

DAVID MONTGOMERY, the Mirror Group chief executive, said that *The Independent*, the loss-making newspaper now 43 per cent owned by Mirror Group, will be breaking even on a month[illegible] basis within the year.

But this will require a rise from the 30p cover price to "an economic and reasonable price" set without reference to the prices of competitors.

Newspaper Publishing, *The Independent's* parent, contributed a [illegible] million loss to Mirror Group's preliminary figures for 1994. This took into account restructuring costs, including [illegible] job losses and the move from City Road to Canary Wharf, and [illegible] ing losses into this year. It is thus thought to have lost a total of £20 million at the operating level last year, with similar restructuring costs.

Pre-tax profits at Mirror Group rose from £132.9 million to £180.3 million, helped by a £111 million release of an earlier pension fund provision against £60.8 million last time. Mr Montgomery said the *Daily Mirror* and *Sunday Mirror* had stabilised circulations at about 2.5 million each, but this year looked as competitive as 1994.

The group is returning to the annual dividend list, a final payment of 2.5p making a total of 3.5p, well covered by pre-exceptional earnings of 16.4p.

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Montgomery: price rise

ADRIAN BROOKS

On his bike: Andrew Ritchie, managing director of Brompton Bicycle, of west London

Record list for Queen's Awards

By Rodney Hobson

A MAKER of collapsible bicycles and a breeder of greenhouse insects are among the record number of winners of the Queen's Award for Export Achievement.

Brompton Bicycle, based in west London, sells to the cycling nation of Holland and seven other European countries. Although it has licensed a Taiwanese manufacturer to supply the Pacific Rim, the Japanese prefer to pay more to buy direct from Britain.

Biological Crop Protection breeds predators that feed on white fly, red spider mite and aphids. The Ashford, Kent, company supplies growers of tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers who have turned against the indiscriminate use of pesticides. Beneficial insects are packed in cool boxes and shipped overnight to Brussels for distribution throughout Europe.

There are only six awards this year for environmental achievement and 17 for technology. Trinity College London, the International Examinations Board, has been recognized for its work in taking music, English language, speech and drama to countries as far afield as Outer Mongolia. Each year, it examines more than 150,000 candidates, from children to adults, in 52 countries.

Among 140 exporters to be honoured are Marks & Spencer, EMI Music Publishing, part of Thorn EMI, Glaxo and British Aerospace. ICI and Zeneca both win awards.

The financial sector provided the oldest applicant. Lloyd's Register of Shipping, founded in 1760 last won an export award 24 years ago.

The export and project finance department of Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank, has also won an export award.

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Richemont bids for rest of Rothmans

By George Sivell

SHARES in Rothmans International, the Dunhill and Peter Stuyvesant cigarette group, surged 105p to 593p yesterday before an agreed bid from Cie Financière Richemont was announced. The 625p a share bid values Rothmans at £4.15 billion.

Richemont, which already owns 61 per cent of Rothmans, is the Swiss holding company for the non-South African interests of the Rupert family. Richemont achieved majority control of Rothmans in 1989 when it acquired a 25 per cent stake held by Philip Morris.

The outstanding minority will cost Richemont £1.62 billion at the 625p bid price.

Rothmans' shares surged 41p to 529p even before a holding announcement that negotiations were in progress. The Stock Exchange was forced to declare indicative only trading in Rothmans, a sign that market regulators feared inside information was leaking into the market.

Last night Stock Exchange investigators were poring over yesterday's deals. By the end of the day 3.4 million shares had changed hands. Analysts thought the bid was fairly priced and would enable Richemont to re-invest the forecast £500 million a year cash flow from Rothmans in its pay television interests.

Mercury Asset Management is the largest institutional shareholder in Rothmans with 11 per cent. The fund manager is controlled by Warburg, merchant banker to the Rupert family. A committee of the independent directors of Rothmans, chaired by John Craven, approved the bid proposal yesterday afternoon on behalf of Rothmans.

Lord Swaythling, chairman of Rothmans, Johann Rupert, deputy chairman, and Jan du Plessis, finance director, are all directors of Richemont and Rothmans.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3174.7	(+4.6)
Yield	4.30%	
FT-SE A All share	1558.49	(+2.34)
Nikkei	16843.06	(+266.98)
New York:		
Dow Jones	4226.51	(+19.02)*
S&P Composite	505.12	(+0.20)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	$5\frac{7}{8}$%*	($5\frac{13}{16}$%)
Long Bond	$103\frac{11}{32}$*	($103\frac{7}{8}$)
Yield	7.35%*	(7.37%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	$6\frac{21}{32}$%	($6\frac{5}{8}$%)
Liffe long gilt future (Jun)	$103\frac{27}{32}$	($103\frac{13}{32}$)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6130*	(1.6070)
London:		
$	1.6127	(1.6175)
DM	2.2244	(2.1884)
FFr	7.8710	(7.7770)
SFr	1.8390	(1.8027)
Yen	133.78	(130.75)
£ Index	84.5	(83.9)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.3808*	(1.3715)
FFr	4.8600*	(4.8615)
SFr	1.1430*	(1.1395)
Yen	82.98*	(81.28)
$ Index	87.5	(86.6)

Tokyo close Yen 82.05

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jul)	$18.25	($18.10)

GOLD

London close	$393.75	($395.75)

* denotes midday trading price

Cocktail

Britain's companies are facing a "lethal cocktail" of economic trends, Chambers of Commerce said. Their latest survey evidence showed a significant slowdown in UK economic growth, leading the Chambers to warn the Chancellor and the Bank of England against any further rise in interest rates. **Page 24**

Tonic

SmithKline Beecham, the Anglo-American drugs group, reported stronger results as the success of new drugs overcame a dramatic fall in sales of Tagamet, the ulcer treatment. **Page 25**

Grid's flotation set for autumn

By Eric Reguly and Martin Waller

THE £4 billion National Grid flotation, which has been delayed by uncertainties over electricity pricing and arguments about the size of customer rebates, will proceed in September or October.

The directors of the 12 regional electricity companies that own the national electricity transmission system, agreed on Wednesday to complete the paperwork by July 28, allowing the flotation to proceed in the early autumn.

It appears likely that a one-time customer rebate as high as £35 will accompany the flotation, though the final figure is still being debated. The Grid directors have proposed a rebate of about £25.

The Department of Trade and Industry has been pushing for a higher figure in the wake of Trafalgar House's aborted takeover of Northern Electric, which exposed Northern's considerable financial resources.

The Government, the regulator and the electricity companies have agreed that no major legal obstacle to the flotation remains. It still could get derailed, however, if the latest price review by Stephen Littlechild, Director-General of Electricity Regulation, results in an unusually tight price cap. If that happens, some of the electricity companies might seek a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry.

The Grid flotation will create no proceeds and its shares will be passed directly to the shareholders of the 12 electricity companies in England and Wales.

☐ British Steel has won an £800,000 rebate on the charges the company, one of the biggest energy users in Britain, has had to pay the National Grid since the electricity industry privatisation five years ago. The ruling came from the Office of Electricity Regulation to which British Steel appealed in a long-running row between the two.

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Tecs perform better at controlling finances

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government's business-led Training and Enterprise Councils (Tecs), which now run industrial training in Britain, still need to give priority to their systems of financial control, though they have been substantially improved, the National Audit Office (NAO) says today.

But in a new report which reveals that the maximum liabilities of the first failed Tec are as high as £22 million, the official watchdog still identifies £6.6 million of "incorrect and uncertain" payments by Tecs.

Senior officials of the Department of Employment, led by Michael Bichard, its new Permanent Secretary, will be examined on the report's findings next month by MPs on the Commons' Public Accounts Committee.

Government funding for Tecs in 1993-94 was more than £1.4 billion although their financial arrangements had been queried by independent examinations even before the receivership at the end of last year of one in south London.

Sir John Bourn, head of the NAO, will today report to Parliament that the Employment Department's priority in improving the financial controls of Tecs has been "effective" in reducing the level of incorrect and uncertain payments made to providers of training.

Sir John qualified the accounts for the three years from 1989 because "significant" amounts of payments to training providers were incorrect. In 1989-90 these amounted to £67 million, falling to £29.9 million in 1991-92 and to £14.9 million the following year.

Though the NAO report accepts this is a "substantial" improvement, it records that in the latest year of 1993-94, £6.6 million in incorrect and uncertain payments is still being made by Tecs. Incorrect payments include those where a trainee has ceased training or where a Tec claims an incorrect amount, while uncertain payments include money paid where there is inadequate documentary evidence of trainees' attendances.

The NAO recommends that the department needs to "maintain pressure to ensure that Tecs continue to give priority to their financial monitoring and control systems". It says the department's requirement for Tecs to achieve a "low risk" assessment as an integral part of their operating licences should provide them with an additional incentive to maintain effective financial controls.

Sir John's report also reveals new Government assessments of the potential liabilities of South Thames Tec, which went into receivership in December. According to new figures in the NAO report, the department estimates the Tec's maximum liability to training providers and individuals is as high as £22.5 million, with a further potential liability to Grant Thornton, the administrative receiver, of £9 million.

Chambers warn of 'lethal cocktail'

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S companies are facing a "lethal cocktail" of economic trends, chambers of commerce said yesterday as their latest survey evidence showed a significant slowdown in UK economic growth.

The fallback in activity among both manufacturing and service companies led the British Chambers of Commerce to warn Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, against any further rise in interest rates — especially one aimed at supporting sterling in the present currency fluctuations.

While the BCC, in its latest *Quarterly* Survey, said a sustainable recovery was still on course, it also detected a significant deceleration in the growth rate of domestic demand and the first fall in four years in the number of firms working at full capacity. Higher interest rates and taxes have hit business confidence.

While some economists said the findings of the survey of more than 8,200 companies eased pressure for a rate rise to contain inflation, others said it showed growth did not appear to be so weak as to remove all such pressure. Unless next week's CBI trends survey was weak or sterling rallied, they forecast a further half-point rise in base rates.

But Robin Geldard, BCC president, said: "Fears of an overheating economy are certainly premature. The brakes have been put on growth via tax and interest-rate rises. The rate of growth in home orders is falling and a repressed economy, with declining levels of demand growth and expectations of profitability, together with a worsening cashflow situation, add up to a lethal cocktail for many firms."

The main findings of the survey, which celebrated its tenth anniversary yesterday, included:

Orders: There was a significant fall in the number of manufacturing companies reporting increasing orders, with the balance — those registering a rise against those recording a fall — down from 35 to 26 per cent.

Exports: Exporters were also unable to sustain their high levels of growth, with the balance of export orders falling from 40 to 37 per cent.

Jobs: Employment growth is slowing, though job expectations were still promising.

Investment: After four years of improving investment intentions, the BCC said they had reached a plateau. Capacity utilisation fell in manufacturing, with those with spare capacity rising from 62 to 64 per cent.

Confidence: Though still historically high, it has ebbed in both manufacturing and services, with both less convinced turnover will improve.

☐ Eddie George, Bank Governor, and Tony Blair, the Labour leader, will speak at the BCC annual conference in Aberdeen in May, with Michael Portillo, Employment Secretary, and the Princess Royal.

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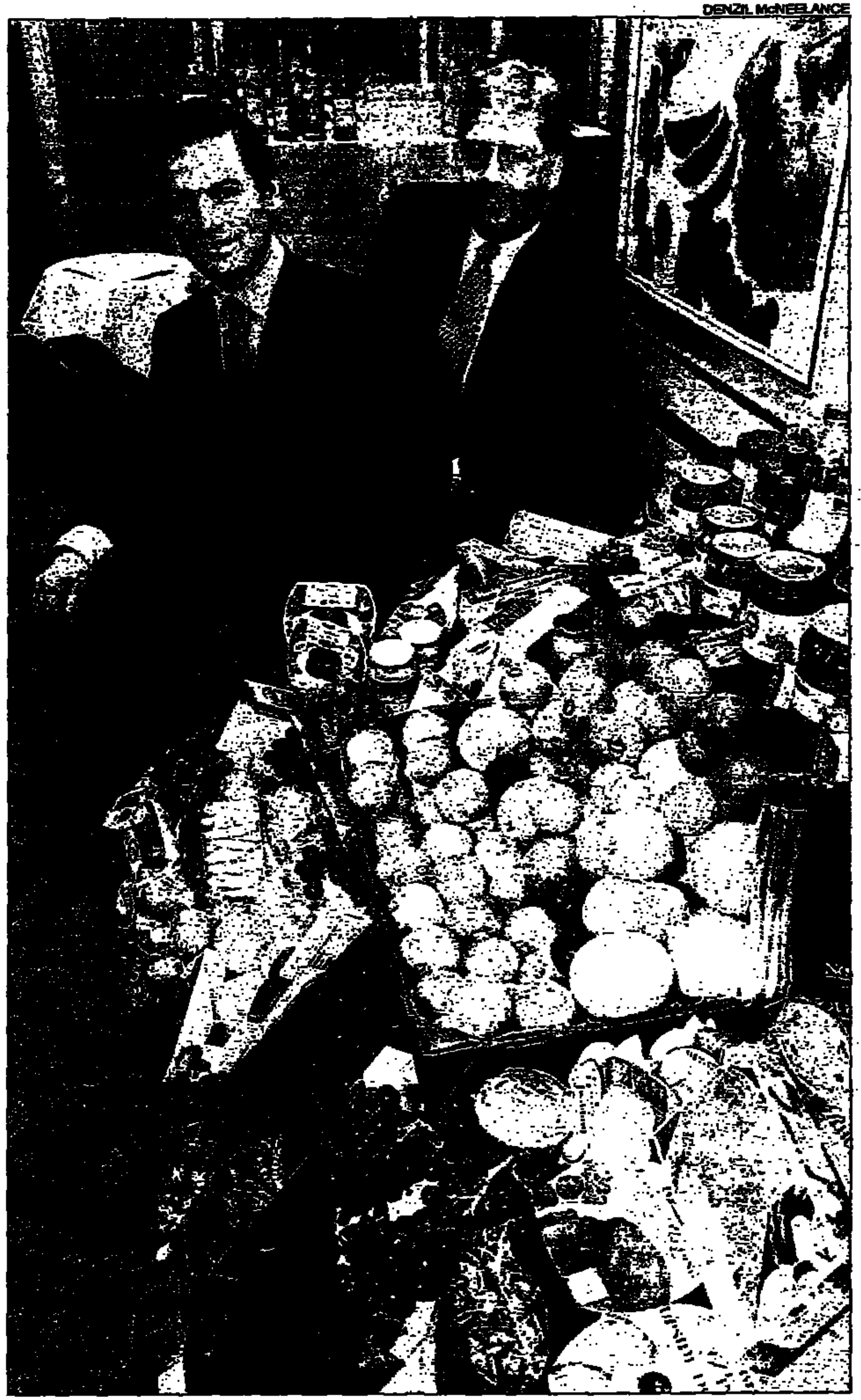

Stephen Walls, left, yesterday with Lenny Pippin, chief executive for North America

Albert Fisher down 59%

By Patricia Tehan

ALBERT FISHER, the food distributor, saw profits fall 59 per cent, to £12.6 million, in the half year to February 28, after a £6.5 million exceptional loss on selling its Belgian food-broking business.

However, Stephen Walls, chairman, said that he was pleased with the 11 per cent rise, to £22.6 million, in net operating profits from continuing operations. The company was starting to gain from the previous two years of restructuring, he said. The group was now seeing volume growth, access to new markets and improving performance across most operations.

Albert Fisher was now the fourth largest exporter of produce from the US, and its North American business was increasing its presence in the "pre-cut produce" market, selling prepared fruit as well as chopped lettuce and carrots. However, trading conditions remained difficult in the group's core European and North American markets.

Mr Walls said the company's entry, on Wednesday, into an £80 million, five-year revolving credit facility underwritten and arranged by ABN Amro Bank was important in completing its balance-sheet restructuring.

The pre-tax profit compared with £30.6 million in the previous first half, when the company had a £10.5 million one-off gain on disposals.

Earnings per share, before exceptional items, were 1.93p. The interim dividend remains 1.85p, due on July 19.

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Call for cap on utility chiefs' pay

By Our Industrial Editor

SMALL business would overwhelmingly like to see a cap on pay for the bosses of privatised utilities — as well as higher income tax rates for them, survey evidence suggests today.

Based on the survey's findings, small business leaders today attack the opportunism of what they describe as the incredible pay and benefit increases for some privatised utility executives.

The survey for the Federation of Small Business, which adds to the row over top corporate pay prompted by a 75 per cent increase for Cedric Brown, chief executive of British Gas, shows that 83 per cent of small business proprietors would like to see a regulatory cap on the pay of the directors and chief executives of privatised utilities, such as British Gas, BT and the water and electricity companies.

John Major has promised to consider the introduction of new legislation on top pay if it is recommended by the Confederation of British Industry's government-backed committee examining the issue under Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks & Spencer.

The poll among the FSB's 70,000 members shows that small business would also like new legislation on the pay of the leaders of large commercial companies, with 67 per cent of those surveyed supporting new laws to control directors' pay awards. The survey shows strong support for higher tax rates for high earners.

Ian Handford, FSB policy group chairman, says that the majority of small business people are still suffering in difficult economic conditions and that they "see these incredible increases in remuneration, bonuses, share options and pensions as nothing more than opportunism at a time when most small businesses are struggling".

The FSB will send the details of its findings both to the Greenbury inquiry, and to the all-party Commons' Employment Select Committee, which is also examining utility leaders' pay.

Pam McAlester, FSB national chairman, says that the survey's findings "confirm our view, and indeed the view of the Prime Minister, that this particular distasteful problem has now got out of hand and needs to be tackled urgently."

IBM makes record first-quarter profit

IBM, the world's largest computer maker, has reported record first-quarter profits of $1.289 billion, well ahead of Wall Street forecasts, rising from $336 million in the first quarter of 1993. Earnings were $2.12 a share, compared with just 54 cents. Analysts had predicted earnings of no more than $1.60 a share. IBM said revenues had jumped 18 per cent for the quarter to $15.7 billion from $13.4 billion. More than 60 per cent of IBM's business comes from outside the United States, and the weakening of the dollar boosted revenue by six percentage points, although gains were reduced by increases in related expenses, the firm added.

Computer hardware sales were up 23 per cent with software revenue rising 11 per cent. IBM's gross profit margin was 42 per cent, against 39 per cent. Louis Gerstner, chief executive, said that the layoff and cost-cutting programme he implemented was now paying dividends, while revenue growth indicated that IBM's technology and marketing strategies were beginning to produce fundamental gains.

Exchange to cut rules

THE London Stock Exchange is proposing to cut the size of its rulebook by removing or amending up to 100 rules to simplify procedures for quoted companies. The Stock Exchange yesterday issued a discussion document and asked for comments from companies and City professionals by May 19. The Stock Exchange proposes to keep the rules that provide investor protection or comply with European Union directives. All others are likely to be scrapped. It proposes to insist that companies include a financial review in their annual reports and a report on internal controls. The rulebook may also be amended to include proposals from the Greenbury Committee on executive pay.

Henry Boot steps ahead

PROFITS at Henry Boot & Sons rose to £8.16 million before tax in 1994 from £7.6 million in the previous year but the construction company remains cautious about the outlook for the industry. Uncertainty was being caused by the Government's fiscal policies and excess capacity in the industry was affecting margins, the company said. Earnings improved to 21.8p a share from 20p and the total dividend is increased to 7.1p a share from 6.5p, with a final 5.25p, due on June 9. Turnover of £184 million compared with £164.6 million in the previous year. The shares fell 2p to 205p.

WEW strategy success

WEW, the discount clothing retailer with 76 outlets, plans to open two stores in the next few weeks, bringing the total of new stores this year to 17. It plans a further 15 openings and refurbishments next year. WEW has also developed a new store format in three stores, producing significant double-digit sales increases. Peter Carr, chairman, said he expected the stores to exceed their target of lifting sales 15 per cent. Pre-tax profits rose 12 per cent to £5.8 million from £5.2 million in the six months to January 28. Overall sales rose 9 per cent to £72.7 million (£66.4 million). The interim dividend is held at 0.35p, payable on July 3.

Matthews in deal talks

BERNARD MATTHEWS, the producer of oven-ready poultry and red meat products, is negotiating the acquisition of J Sainsbury's subsidiary, Newmarket Foods. The business, which produces a range of pork products such as bacon and ham, principally for the supermarket chain, had a turnover of £111 million in the financial year to March 12. The company is based at Haverhill, Suffolk. Shares in Bernard Matthews, which last month announced a rise in profits to £18.6 million before tax from £11.26 million, fell 1p to 106p yesterday.

PSA bounces back

PSA Peugeot Citroën, the French carmaker, achieved an even stronger financial recovery last year than Renault, its state-controlled domestic rival, in spite of the modest and uncertain recovery in the European car market. Jacques Calvet, PSA's chairman and a leading spokesman for Europe's indigenous motor industry, yesterday announced a resumed dividend of Fr6 per share on the back of a net attributable profit of Fr3.1 billion in 1994 (Fr1.4 billion loss). PSA's share of the Western European car market moved up to 12.8 per cent last year from 12.4 per cent.

Chrysler bid setback

KIRK KERKORIAN'S $22.8 billion takeover bid for Chrysler appears to have suffered a setback after Bear Stearns, the powerful investment banking firm, said it would not work with the Las Vegas billionaire on the deal. The carmaker said: "Chrysler and its Chrysler Financial subsidiary have had a good working relationship with Bear Stearns and we are pleased that they have decided not to be involved with Tracinda's actions against Chrysler."

Henry Boot
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Year ended 31 December	1994	1993
Turnover	£184.0m	£164.6m
Profit before tax	£8.2m	£7.6m
Earnings per share	21.8p	20.0p
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Lobby seeks government action

UK may miss green bonanza

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

BRITAIN is in danger of missing out on the fast growing, multi-billion pound, global market in green technologies without firm government action to strengthen the market here and spearhead an export drive.

The claim was made in a report from the Environmental Industries Commission, a lobbying group launched yesterday and backed by companies including Severn Trent Water, Degremont UK and Energy Technology and Control.

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It believes that by the turn of the century the global market in everything from soil clean-up to anti-noise technologies, could be $600 billion, dwarfing the aerospace and chemicals industries and offering significant employment opportunities for countries leading the way.

Adrian Wilkes, a commission spokesman, said: "The new commercial goldmine for environmental technology and service companies is now materialising. The international market is dominated by Germany, the US and Japan, whose governments have recognised this industry's importance for jobs, profits and trade balances."

Unlike Britain, these governments have more vigorously enforced environmental laws that have stimulated the market in green technologies. They have also provided tax breaks and fiscal incentives for such devices and services while supporting more research and development, the commission said.

The report shows Germany leading the world in environmental technology. Studies by the OECD indicate that in the global environment industry, Germany has a trade surplus of $10 billion followed by the US with $4 billion and Japan with $3 billion.

In comparison Britain's trade surplus is estimated at $500 million, similar to France's. Germany also owns 29 per cent of world patents in green technologies with Britain fifth on 6 per cent after the US, Japan and France.

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Consumers want clearer labelling

By Jon Ashworth

TWO in three consumers want clearer and more informative labelling on food products and are prepared to shun goods and stores that do not match up, a survey has found.

Protests against live animal exports point to a wider discontent among consumers, according to a survey of 30,000 shoppers by CWS Retail (the Co-op), Britain's biggest co-operative retailer. Seven out of ten respondents said they were concerned about welfare issues and thought the food industry had a duty to the environment. Three in five said they were willing to pay more for goods which met ethical standards.

Bill Shannon, general manager, Co-op Brands, said levels of consumer awareness had grown dramatically in recent years. He said: "They are not looking for people to nanny them; they want information to allow them to make their own decisions."

The Co-op, which has 700 grocery shops in the UK, and is particularly strong in Scotland and the North, will not boycott brands on ethical grounds, but feels its customers should be able to make an informed choice. Mr Shannon said: "We're not going to be squeaky clean, but if you want to know, we'll tell you."

Many food chains sell "fresh eggs" or "good country eggs" without stating that they are in fact intensively produced. Even so-called free-range chickens lead a far from idyllic life — up to 60 hens can be packed into an area the size of a dining room table under European Community rules — and the Co-op wants such facts to be documented.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.29	2.12
Austria Sch	16.51	14.01
Belgium Fr	48.37	44.07
Canada $	2.304	2.144
Cyprus Cyp£	0.747	0.692
Denmark Kr	9.33	8.53
Finland Mkk	7.42	6.77
France Fr	8.26	7.61
Germany Dm	2.36	2.15
Greece Dr	377.00	352.00
Hong Kong $	13.08	12.08
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel	5.2541	4.5041
Italy Lira	2875.00	2720.00
Japan Yen	145.50	129.80
Malta	0.586	0.543
Netherlds Gld	2.622	2.392
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Portugal Esc	244.50	226.00
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Sweden Kr	12.44	11.64
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Turkey Lira	refer	65457.0
USA $	1.704	1.574

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☐ Canny Ken becomes desperate Dan ☐ Making a turn on the Rothmans rollercoaster ☐ Breaking up is hard to do

Tax cuts go critical

☐ THINGS must be getting a little desperate at the Treasury, for all Kenneth Clarke's saloon bar confidence. A £1.3 billion overshoot on its forecast public sector borrowing requirement for 1994-95 means nothing. Forecasters rarely get this number spot on. Whitehall's old cash budgeting system, only gradually being reformed, leads to disproportionately high last-minute spending, with consequent variations in the Budget deficit at the margin. But City economists had pencilled in a £2 billion undershoot. In their projections, therefore, there might be £3 billion less for the Chancellor to hand back to voters in tax cuts before the election.

More worrying is where this extra government deficit has come from. Despite the usual absurd March splurge, cash spending for the financial year was £1.2 billion less than estimated in November and £2.4 billion less than projected a year earlier. But cash income from taxes was £3 billion less than the Chancellor thought at 1994 Budget time and £4 billion less than previously projected.

The fiscal deficit is not shrinking as fast as expected because economic recovery is slowing down. That is not an accident. Monetary policy has been tightened deliberately to slow what the Bank of England regarded as an unsustainable pace of growth. Indeed, the Bank is now looking at the growth-boosting fall of sterling as a possible cause for further tightening. This would not matter if the Chancellor's objectives were as stated in his Budget papers. The Budget deficit is still falling fast, thanks to tax increases. It could nearly meet the Maastricht test this year and comfortably in 1996-97. But that takes no account of the Cabinet's need to fight an election by the spring of 1997.

Already, Mr Clarke insists that the growing prosperity of the economy must not be shared by public services. Rather, the next spending round must be just as tight. Yet the Government seems virtually committed to a more generous settlement for education. It will surely be hard to rein back on health in front of an election, or state pensions.

That puts even more pressure on cash income if taxes are to be cut. Hence the desparate search for privatisation candidates. The Post Office was meant to fit the bill, but Government backbenchers stymied that. In came Railtrack, promising £3 billion or more. But the rail regulator stymied that. On the profits assumed for Railtrack, rail services would have to be slashed, fares boosted or subsidies raised, ruining the point of the exercise. So Railtrack might be worth little more than £1 billion.

Suddenly, the public is being softened up for the sale of Nuclear Electric and Scottish Nuclear, coincidentally reckoned to be worth £2 billion. This hardly seems the way to make tax cuts credible. If the Chancellor thinks he can win votes, even indirectly, by privatising nuclear power, canny Ken musty be turning into desperate Dan.

In search of the smoking gun

☐ "ROLL UP, roll up for the great national lottery leak competition! Anyone who gets all six numbers right gets a phone call from a shady corporate adviser who tells him the name of the next bid target. Millions in easy money to be won and the game is open to anyone with a friendly stockbroker and an offshore account."

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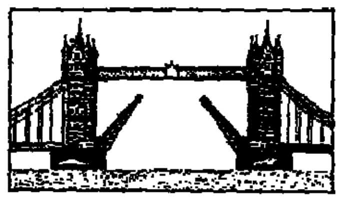

Insider dealing seems to have become a national sport, judging by yesterday's antics in Rothmans' shares. Yesterday morning, the share price was suddenly set alight by hands unseen. Until then no one seemed to have an inkling that Richemont would buy in the minority so soon after restructuring its quoted empire.

But someone clearly knew better and was determined to make a few bucks on it. Trading was so frantic that prices went indicative 20 minutes before the two compaies were finally forced to admit that the game was up.

Most bids in recent years have leaked in one way or another. But few have been quite so blatantly dropped into the open arms of someone with few scruples and even less discretion. This last point suggests that for once the Stock Exchange may be able to track down the guilty parties. By mid-afternoon 3 million Rothmans shares had been traded, many times more than normal. Unless the insider dealers have been unusually expert at covering their tracks, their names should be written across some of those bargains.

Coming on the same day as it offered to simplify its rulebook, the Exchange must feel aggrieved towards anyone who played so fast and loose. Although the Exchange's official line is the traditional "we always investigate any unusual price movements", it seems more irritated than usual.

At least such a leak does not damage Richemont's interests. Ironically, the bid could be assisted by the way Rothmans' share register was destabilised in yesterday's frantic trading, since the buyers are hardly likely to be long-term shareholders. The prize is a rich one: Rothmans is throwing off cash at an astonishing rate. A full takeover would give Richemont access to that cash, which would quickly repay the cost of the takover. By then, yesterday's shenanigans should be an unpleasant memory.

Signet proposals ring hollow

☐ THE scrap between Signet and its disgruntled preference shareholders grows more involved by the day. Faced with animosity from the ordinary shareholders, the arbitrageurs have conjured up a set of figures that promise ordinary holders at least 20p per share in a proposed break-up, which they say will raise at least £700 million.

If any of Signet's shareholders still believe in Father Christmas, they may go along with all this. Signet would be hard pressed to receive a fraction of £700 million in the three-month auction the preference holders have demanded. Prices for businesses drop alarmingly when in the hands of a forced seller, as every receiver knows.

The greatest asset in their preference holders' campaign has been Signet's management, whose inactivity and failure to produce an alternative proposal to the group's predicament is deeply uninspiring. But the fact remains that Signet is more valuable as a going concern, and it should be allowed to proceed with a more traditional reconstruction in which the preference shares and accrued dividends are converted into ordinary equity. This is something the arbitrageurs would hate, since it does not allow them the chance to cash in their holdings.

Rather than accept the nebulous 20p a share they have been offered, Signet's ordinary shareholders should sling the current break-up proposal out. They hold the controlling votes in a £550 million business, and when the time comes, it is up to them to dictate the terms of any reconstruction.

Diffident Marks

☐ MARKS & Spencer has carefully tailored its new savings and pensions plans to meet perceived public demand. Oddly, however, the duties of institutions investing the public's money do not feature. Potential buyers would surely like to know how Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of the M&S board among other committees, will instruct investment managers to vote on matters such as rates of executive pay.

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Richard Scott, finance director, left, and Andrew Jennings count the cost on business of winter markdowns

HoF disappoints in first year after float

By Susan Gilchrist

HOUSE OF FRASER, the department stores group, disappointed the City yesterday with a fall in pre-tax profits in its first year as a public company. The group, which includes Dickins & Jones, Kendals and Army & Navy stores, slipped to £28 million in the year to January 28, down from £34.5 million in the previous year and below the expectations of analysts.

The shares fell 8p to 144p as analysts rushed to downgrade their current year forecasts from about £45 million to about £40 million. The bottom line was hit by £8.5 million of flotation expenses, but underlying operating profits on continuing operations still fell by 4 per cent to £43 million from £45 million.

Andrew Jennings, managing director, blamed the unseasonably warm autumn weather, which depressed the all-important sales of winter merchandise and forced a high level of markdowns to clear stocks.

The group spent £29 million refurbishing stores and upgrading systems last year and plans to spend a further £21 million this year.

A final dividend, payable on July 3, of 3.8p brings the total payout to 5.5p, compared with a notional dividend of 5p in the previous year.

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Brown & Jackson agrees £30m rescue

By Susan Gilchrist

BROWN & JACKSON, the owner of Poundstretcher, the troubled discount chain, has agreed a £30 million rescue package with its leading shareholder.

Pepkor, South Africa's biggest retail group, has agreed to inject at least £20 million of new capital into the ailing business and underwrite a rights issue of new shares to raise a further £9.6 million.

Christo Wiese, Pepkor's chairman, said the group would end up with between 64 per cent and 94 per cent of B&J's equity depending on the willingness of other shareholders to take up their rights. In addition to the equity injection, Pepkor has agreed to provide banking facilities of up to £21 million. Pepkor first came to B&J's aid last summer with a £53 million rescue deal.

Shareholders will have to approve the proposals, but B&J said without these measures the company would be unable to continue to trade.

B&J reported a pre-tax loss of £16.3 million in the year to December 31 compared with a £12.7 million loss in the previous period. The bottom line was depressed by a £7.6 million exceptional charge relating to the closure of 60 stores. The underlying business made progress, lifting operating profits to £4.6 million from £1.1 million in the second half. Again there is no dividend.

New drugs help SB to overcome Tagamet fall

By Eric Reguly

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM, the Anglo-American drugs group, reported stronger results in the first quarter as the success of new drugs overcame a dramatic fall in the sales of Tagamet, its once-dominant ulcer treatment.

Sales of Tagamet, whose US patent expired last year, fell 49 per cent, to £78 million worldwide. In America, the drug's biggest market, sales plummeted 68 per cent, to £31 million. Sales of the company's family of new pharmaceuticals, including Relifex, an anti-arthritic drug, and Seroxat, an anti-depression drug, totalled £249 million, up almost 50 per cent.

Their strong performance, coupled with last year's acquisition of Sterling Winthrop, a consumer healthcare-products company in the US, and Diversified Pharmaceutical Services, a pharacuticals benefit manager, boosted trading profits 15 per cent, to £385 million, while sales rose 24 per cent, to £1.71 billion.

The pre-tax profit of £872 million in the quarter, against £353 million in the same period in 1994, was skewed by an exceptional gain of £512 million recorded on the £920 million sale of its animal health division to the Pfizer drugs company. SmithKline sold the company to reduce gearing after its 1994 acquisition spree. Excluding one-off items, pre-tax profit rose 2 per cent to £360 million. Earnings per share were up 5 per cent, to 9.1p.

Jan Leschly, chief executive, said: "Although we continue to see the impact of the expiration of the US patent on Tagamet last May, these results clearly show that we have effectively managed the loss and continue to grow."

The results came in near the top of analysts' forecasts. However, the quarterly dividend of 3.2p, up 7 per cent from the 3p payout in the same quarter last year, was slightly lower than expected.

Hugh Collum, finance director, said: "With the debt at the height it is, we thought it would be prudent to keep the money in the business."

The disappointing dividend put downward pressure on the shares, which fell 6½p, to 503p.

Mr Collum said that gearing, which was as high as 300 per cent last year after the Sterling and Diversified acquisitions, had risen from 100 per cent to 110 per cent at the end of March, partly because of large tax payments. He expects it to remain at that level this year.

Mr Collum expects the sales decline of Tagamet to level off by the end of the year. The company said that it had high hopes for its newest drugs, including Havrix, the first hepatitis A vaccine on the market, and Kytril Tablets, a nausea treatment for chemotherapy patients.

Pilkington wins big GM deal

From Sean Mac Carthaigh
in New York

GENERAL MOTORS has signed a long-term, $700 million contract with Libbey-Owens-Ford, a US subsidiary of Pilkington, securing quality automotive glass products for the car maker for its 21st century models.

Libbey-Owens-Ford has supplied glass to GM for over 60 years, as well as to other US car makers. Pilkington is the world's biggest supplier of automotive glazings, supplying glass to one out of every four vehicles built.

GM yesterday announced profits of $2.2 billion for the first three months of this year, surpassing the firm's record for any previous financial quarter.

Earnings from January to March amounted to $2.51 per share, compared with 81 cents a share for period a year previously. Revenue climbed 15 per cent to a record $43.3 billion for the quarter, up from $37.5 billion in 1994.

GM's North American Operations unit, its main car and truck manufacturing business, earned $1.1 billion, compared with a loss of $199 million previously.

Signet's rebels set £700m target

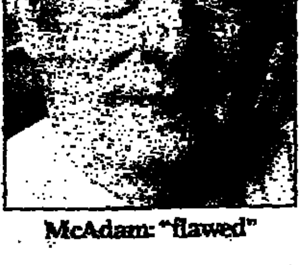
By Neil Bennett

THE rebel preference shareholders in Signet, the troubled jewellery group, who are trying to force the company into a break-up, yesterday vowed to vote against any break-up that would raise less than £700 million and pledged that ordinary shareholders would receive at least 20p a share if the company is dissolved (See Pennington, this page).

The rebels have demanded an extraordinary meeting on May 5, at which they will present a motion ordering Signet's directors to seek offers for its British and American businesses within three months.

However, they yesterday said that they would support only a sell-off that raised more than £700 million. They said that they were prepared to give up enough of their claim on the company to ensure that the ordinary shareholders would receive 20p a share and 20 per cent of any amount raised above £800 million. This compares with the current share price of 15p.

Julian Treger, an adviser to the UK Active Value Fund, one of the largest holders, said: "This is not a fire sale. We are trying to reverse a decline in the value for ordinary and preference shareholders alike. We are seeing if a sale would be in the best interests of both sets of shareholders."



McAdam: "flawed"

The rebels' proposals have so far had little support from ordinary shareholders, who control most of the company, and have been condemned by the company.

James McAdam, Signet chairman, said: "This is a transparent attempt by a small group of preference shareholders to justify what is now seen as a seriously flawed resolution that should never have been put forward in the first place."

Ibstock rebuilds dividend

By Martin Waller

A STEADILY improving market for bricks, courtesy of the housebuilding recoveries in Britain and the US, and a return to the black for the forest products business, has sent Ibstock, the building materials company, back into profit.

Pre-tax profits of £14.3 million in 1994 contrasted with a £18.7 million loss last time, although these included a net £16 million in one-off costs. Ibstock is doubling the final dividend to 1p, making a total raised by 0.5p to 1.5p paid out of earnings per share of 3.7p.

Ian Maclellan, managing director, said talks to buy Tarmac's brick business for a reported £60 million were continuing but were not sufficiently advanced to make any prediction of the outcome possible.

The British brick operation raised trading profits £4.9 million to almost £8 million, and the US operation £4.5 million against just £808,000 last time. Forest products, boosted by higher pulp prices, brought in a £5.3 million profit against a £4.2 million loss.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Rothmans shares soar before bid approach

BROKERS were calling for a stewards' inquiry after shares of **Rothmans International** soared 118p to 606p, a rise of 24 per cent, before news of a bid approach.

Compagnie Financière Richemont, Rothmans' parent, says it is ready to bid 625p a share for the remaining 39 per cent of the company it does not already own. Both sides have been locked in talks for some months.

But the Rothmans share price was racing away long before Richmont made its announcement at 3.23pm. The shares had begun gathering pace from the start of business. At first it was thought that the price was being squeezed higher by a badly handled transaction to buy 100,000 shares. But it soon became clear that there was more to the rise than just a sizeable parcel of shares changing hands.

At about 3pm, business became so brisk that marketmakers declared Rothmans a fast market and refused to make a binding price in the shares. By the close of business, 4.5 million shares had changed hands in a market where traders are normally only prepared to quote a price in 25,000 shares at a time.

The announcement from Richemont came as good news to the likes of Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, which tipped the shares in October at 390p. At the time, it forecast that the group's discounted cash-flow valuation was worth 650p a share.

The rest of the equity market managed to halt the losses of recent days as the pound enjoyed a steadier performance against its main rivals. Leading shares ended the day with modest gains after the FT-SE 100 index traded in a narrow range of about 15 points for much of the session. It closed 4.6 better at 3,174.7. The total number of shares traded grew to 655 million.

Northern Electric advanced 10p to 777p after receiving a call from a shareholder pressure group to arrange an extraordinary general meeting to consider a proposal forcing the board to accept a new 950p a share offer from Trafalgar House. Wyser-Pratte, the Wall Street broker, said it had called for the meeting after receiving the backing of at least 10 per cent of shareholders.

Trafalgar lapsed its original offer of £11 a share after the industry regulator threatened to impose tougher price restrictions on the electricity companies. It subsequently made a lower offer of 950p a share which required the agreement of the Northern board. Northern rejected the move.

Jamie Boot, of Henry Boot, whose shares fell 2p to 205p

General Cable received a lukewarm response from the City in first-time trading, with the price quickly slipping to a discount. Offered at 190p, the issue was oversubscribed but failed to make headway at the start of trading. The price opened at 185½p before ending the session at 186p, a discount of 4p, on turnover of 715,000 shares.

Cable and Wireless fell 11p to 403p after Warburg Securities, the broker, began to caution clients about lower returns from Hong Kong Telecom, the group's leading profits earner. Warburg says profits are likely to remain static at about 24p a share for the next three years. It says investors should reduce holdings.

Oil shares made the most of a strong crude price, with **BP** 7p better at 443p, **Shell** 6p at 722p, **Enterprise** 11p at 399p, and **Hardy Oil** 2p at 166p.

BBA firmed 1p to 210p after talking to several brokers. On Wednesday, the group was believed to have dined at Kleinwort Benson's offices and yesterday had a chat with rival James Capel.

Morgan Crucible slipped 2p to 337p in spite of talk of an upgrading by ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker. Hoare is said to have raised its pre-tax profits forecast for 1995 by £3 million to £84 million and for 1996 by £5 million to £96 million.

AAH slipped 1p to 440p as GEHE, the German group, picked up more shares in the marketplace. It now speaks for 26 per cent of the shares after raising its cash offer to 445p a share. **Mirror Group** slipped 5p to 135p in spite of producing full-year figures at the top end of expectations. However, the group warned that the newspaper price war had taken its toll on the Daily Mirror's circulation and that 1995 was proving to be as competitive and challenging as last year. The group has also returned to the dividend list.

SmithKline Beecham lost 6p at 503p after weighing in with first-quarter figures bang in line with City expectations and showing pre-tax profits 2 per cent ahead at £360 million before exceptional items.

Henry Boot slipped 2p to 205p with the market seemingly unimpressed with full-year figures showing pre-tax profits £574,000 ahead at £8.16 million. The figures were accompanied by a gloomy outlook on current trading conditions.

The building sector also had to contend with several profit warnings yesterday. **Travis Perkins** fell 12p to 272p after telling shareholders that the rate of sales growth was slowing.

Crest Nicholson lost 8p at 65p after warning shareholders that profits during the first half would fail to meet expectations. The group still expected to make progress during the year as a whole.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Investors had a better day than of late, with bonds drawing strength from a steadier performance by the pound against the mark.

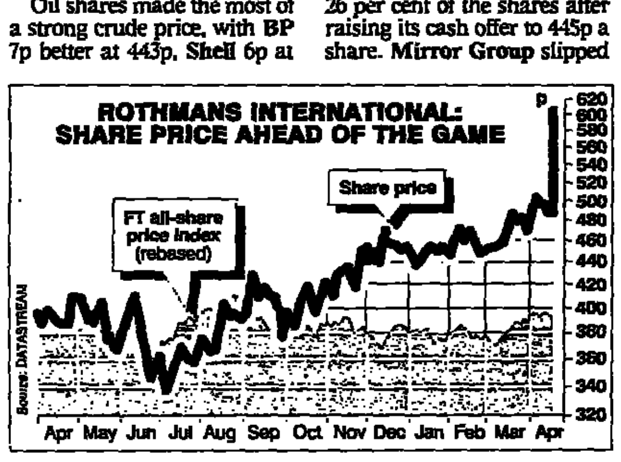
Prices were also encouraged by the latest economic review pointing to a slowdown in the economy, while a disappointing public sector borrowing requirement and the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Index failed to make much impression.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt made headway, finishing £7/16 better at £103 27/32 as 41,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues, the longer end of the market enjoyed the best gains, with benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 climbing £15/32 to £96 29/32, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £⅛ firmer at £98 25/32.

☐ NEW YORK: A small number of blue chips, including IBM, were ahead in a generally mixed market on Wall Street, and, by midday, the Dow Jones industrial average stood 19.02 points higher at 4,226.51.

ROTHMANS INTERNATIONAL: SHARE PRICE AHEAD OF THE GAME



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 4226.51 (+19.02)
S&P Composite 505.12 (+0.20)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 16643.06 (+266.98)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 8631.37 (+49.51)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index 405.94 (+1.60)

Sydney:
AO 2026.0 (-14.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1955.97 (-4.93)

Singapore:
Straits 2039.30 (+3.63)

Brussels:
General 7173.59 (+28.73)

Paris:
CAC-40 1882.00 (+7.10)

Zurich:
SKA Gen 584.90 (+4.90)

London:
FT 30 2421.4 (+1.9)
FT 100 3174.7 (+4.6)
FT-SE Mid 250 3489.3 (+6.7)
FT-SE-A 350 1578.1 (+2.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 1267.69 (+5.49)
FT A All-Share 1558.49 (+2.34)
FT Non Financials 1682.28 (+3.09)
FT Fixed Interest 111.00 (-0.26)
FT Govt Secs 92.11 (-0.01)
Bargains 21816
SEAQ Volume 757.3m
USM (Datastrm) 151.22 (+0.34)
US$ 1.6118 (-0.0060)
German Mark 2.2085 (+0.0185)
Exchange Index 84.5 (+0.6)
Bank of England official close (4pm)
£:ECU 1.1989
£:SDR 1.0130
RPI 147.5 Mar (3.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Albright & Wilson (150)	170	-3
Beale	171	...
Biocomp Intl (170)	171	...
Brit Aerospace Uts	135	+3
Coral Products (60)	63	...
Dailywin (128)	128	-2
Datrontech (130)	155	...
Expro Intl (175)	175	+1
For/Col Uts (100)	100	...
Geared Inc IT (100)	98	...
Natl Power (p/p) (476)	176	-1
PTS Group (90)	96	+4
PowerGen (p/p) (512)	189	-2
Precoat Int'l (125)	128	...
Rainford (270)	318	+1
Schroder Inc Gth	530	-5
Scot Oriental Smlr (100)	98½	+½
Superframe Wts	7	+1
Vision Group (97)	149	-2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Arcon Intl n/p (1r20p)	¼	...
Bolton Group n/p (23)	½	...
Guinness Peat n/p (20)	5½	...
Inspec Group n/p (175)	42	+4
TBI n/p (35)	2	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Abbey Natl 462p (+8p)
Gerrard Nat 428p (+6p)
Standard Chart 298p (+6p)
SG Warburg 737p (+7p)
Yates Bros 213p (+8p)
Pearson 557p (+12p)
Monteagle 110p (+15p)
Regent Inns 351p (+6p)
Porvair 345p (+9p)
Norbain 342p (+12p)
Rothmans 606p (+118p)
Copymore 170p (+10p)

FALLS:
Barclays 629p (-5p)
Crest Nicholson 65p (-8p)
Travis Perkins 272p (-12p)
Wolseley 329p (-8p)
BOC 727p (-9p)
Courtaulds 452p (-7p)

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TEMPUS

Shining Mirror

THE tight regime at Mirror Group was clearly indicated yesterday by trading margins that actually rose by a percentage point to 25 per cent, while an unprecedented price war was raging in the newspaper market, even if those margins were helped by the use of earlier provisions to cover restructuring.

Whether the same trick can be achieved at The Independent is another matter, while the cable TV venture, headed by the irrepressible Kelvin MacKenzie, is still an unproven quantity. Start-up costs from Live TV, launching in June, are being capitalised from the outset, and the venture will enjoy a 15-month "holiday" before the first revenues from subscriptions arrive, during which costs will be treated as exceptionals, so the damage to Mirror Group's near-term profits should be limited.

Last year's figures, shorn of one-offs such as reductions in pensions provisioning, showed trading profits flat on revenues that declined by 3 per cent. The company is now in a healthy shape, able to put the Maxwell years behind it and talk about a prudent but progressive dividend policy again. The impact of a 40 per cent rise in newsprint prices during the current year will mean a serious rise in Mirror Group's newsprint bill from the £80 million level in 1994.

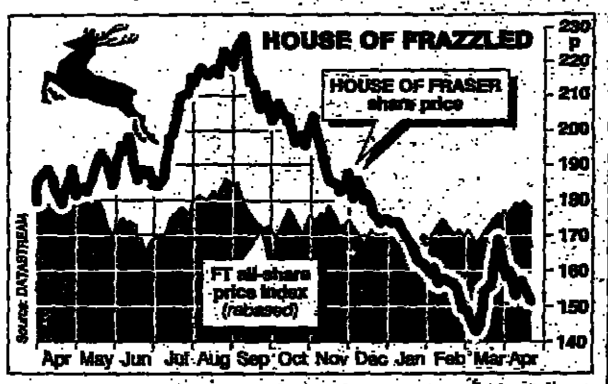
The market, therefore, is shooting for a fall in pre-tax profits from a pre-exceptional £84.7 million last year to somewhere south of £75 million and little improvement thereafter. With ambitious plans for cable TV and debt still above £350 million, what the group needs is a rights issue to complete its normalisation. But a forward earnings multiple under 11 hardly makes this an attractive option.

House of Fraser

ANDREW Jennings, House of Fraser's managing director, was at pains to point out that he had always said the group's strategy to become a focused, up-market department store group would take five years. That may be true but it is little comfort to shareholders — many of them House of Fraser shoppers — who have seen the share price fall from its flotation price of 180p to 144p.

Mr Jennings and his fellow directors certainly never made it clear that things would get worse before they got better. But that is exactly what has happened. Underlying profits fell by 4 per cent. The group blames the warm autumn weather which hit sales of winter clothing. But its performance is still well below that of many of its rivals who were also exposed to the same difficulties. This is in spite of the fact that profits were boosted by a one-off £8.7 million in rate refunds.

Despite its many freehold properties, the group still has below average operating margins and will take three years to reach even 5 per cent or 6 per cent. It is refurbishing its stores as part of its strategy of driving up margins. Last year, £29 million was spent, with a further £21 million earmarked in 1995. So far shareholders are receiving a poor return on that investment. Given that they, rather than the Fayeds, were forced to bear the £8.5 million cost of flotation expenses, they have every right to feel aggrieved.



Ibstock

THE sharp recovery in Ibstock's profits was overshadowed by last week's news that it is negotiating with Tarmac to buy its brick business. However, last year's performance has provided Ibstock with the financial platform to plan a huge leap in the brick business.

Profits from the British brick business rose by 161 per cent, to £7.9 million, and the operating margin more than doubled to 12 per cent. The speed of recovery suggests that Ibstock's business has not lost any of its underlying strength and that margins of 20 per cent are achievable again when the housing market improves.

The recovery has coincided with a cyclical improvement of the pulp business that should help Ibstock in its determination to sell out of it. The £45 million it should earn from a sale of the rest of Celulose de Caima will leave the group a positive cash balance and enable it to pay for Tarmac's brick business from internal resources.

A combination of Ibstock and Tarmac's brick interests has been the obvious deal in the industry for some time. Together, the two control up to 18 per cent of the market, which makes them a genuine challenger to Redland and Hanson. Ibstock, which already has some of the highest margins in the business, would make substantial savings by spreading sales costs.

Even without the deal, Ibstock profits could reach £28 million this year barring a downward lurch in its markets. That puts the shares on less than 10 times prospective earnings, which looks cheap whatever the outcome of the talks.

SB

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM reshuffled its business portfolio so comprehensively last year that investors were always likely to scratch their heads over the first-quarter results. However, behind the numbers is continuing evidence that the group continues to steam-roller across price and competition pressures in its sector.

Headline sales growth of 24 per cent looked impressive, but even more respectable was the underlying rise of 10 per cent, despite a 49 per cent slump in sales of Tagamet as it came off-patent. Newer drugs, particularly Seroxat, the anti-depressant, are picking up the slack well.

The verdict on SB's two acquisitions last year should not be delivered for some time yet, and it will be nearly impossible to define what knock-on benefits the group receives from owning Diversified Pharmaceutical Services. However, while the market may niggle about SB's dividend payment this time, the solid rise in earnings can have few critics in such an unsettled industry.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	944-943	Jul	1056-1054
Jul	974-973	Sep	1062-1060
Sep	990-989	Dec	1085-1078
Dec	1012-1011	Mar	1100-1090
Mar	1034-1032		
May	1045-1043		Volume: 4344

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	3185-3180	Jan	3070-3060
Jul	3155-3153	Mar	3050-3040
Sep	3119-3115	May	3035-3025
Nov	3090-3085		Volume: 7521

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	303.8-01.5
Spot: 352.0		May	303.2-00.5
Aug	329.5-39.0	Aug	302.9-99.5
Oct	311.0-10.5	Oct	290.4-86.0
Dec	303.9-02.5		Volume: 1904

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 19

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	90.49	134.79	123.12
(+/-)	+3.28	-8.30	-0.91
Eng/Wales	90.49	135.68	122.28
(+/-)	+3.28	+8.38	-1.31
(%)	+13.0	+5.0	-4.0
Scotland	unq	129.98	127.39
(+/-)		+8.04	+0.68
(%)		+10.0	+8.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	19.15	+0.45
Brent 15 day (Jun)	18.70	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.25	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.30	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Jul)	19.90	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 197 (n/c)	O: 199 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	171 (+5)	172 (+4)
Non EEC 1H May	163 (+3)	164 (+3)
Non EEC 1H Jun	161 (+1)	162 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	107 (n/c)	109 (n/c)
Naphtha	170 (+1)	171 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

May	162.25-62.75	Aug	159.00-59.50
Jun	159.75-60.00	Sep	160.50 SLR
Jul	158.25-58.75		Vol: 40688

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	18.70-18.72	Sep	17.59 SLR
Jul	18.24-18.26	Oct	17.56 SLR
Aug	17.90-17.94		Vol: 44198

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	120.05
Jul	121.25
Sep	104.40
Nov	105.50
Jan	107.60
Volume: 781	

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	112.15
Sep	103.65
Nov	104.90
Jan	106.65
Mar	108.00
Volume: 74	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
May	305.0	306.5
Apr	125.0	125.8
May	unq	136.0
		Volume: 70

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
May 118.50-119.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 95	unq	unq	2290
May 95	2310	2270	2285
Jun 95	2205	2154	2160
Jul 95	2005	1990	1995
Vol: 175 lots			Open interest: 4990

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(Official) (Volume prev day)	LONDON METAL EXCHANGE		Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	Cash: 2853.0-2854.0	3mth: 2830.0-2831.0	Vol: 1504100
Lead ($/tonne)	602.00-603.00	611.00-612.00	125175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1047.0-1047.5	1070.0-1070.5	290175
Tin ($/tonne)	5798.0-5800.0	5900.0-5805.0	15400
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1821.0-1822.0	1828.0-1829.0	945575
Nickel ($/tonne)	7150.0-7151.0	7260.0-7270.0	68190

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Dom	500	34	38	46½	13½	18	27½
(*532)	550	7½	14	22½	43½	46	50½
Argyll	280	13	18	22½	15½	19½	22
(*283)	300	5½	10	14½	29½	31½	34½
ASDA	90	11½	12½	13½	1	2½	3
(*99)	100	5	6½	8	4½	6½	7½
Boots	500	19½	29½	35	19½	23	27½
(*506)	550	3½	11	16½	56	57½	60
Br Airways	390	30½	37½	44½	12	16½	22½
(*404)	420	15½	23	30	25	32	36
BP	420	32	39	45½	6½	11½	15½
(*442½)	460	10	17½	25½	26½	31½	35
Br Steel	140	21½	22½	24½	1½	3	5
(*159)	160	7½	10½	13	9	11	13
C & W	390	26	35½	41½	13½	18	22
(*402½)	420	12	21½	27½	31	34	38
CU	550	27½	38½	50	20½	31½	35
(*551½)	600	10	19	29	52½	62½	65
ICI	750	64	77	87	6	18	22
(*796½)	800	31	42½	57½	25½	38½	43
Kingfisher	420	39½	49	57	8½	15	19
(*445½)	460	17	25½	35	26	33½	37½
Land Sec	550	26	32½	36½	19	21½	29
(*564)	600	5	12	16	54½	56	57
M & S	390	25	35	40½	7	11½	15½
(*412)	420	11	19	25	21	26½	27½
Nat West	500	51½	59½	69	6½	14½	17½
(*537)	550	21	31	40½	26	36½	39½
Sainsbury	420	15½	25	31	16½	20	23½
(*422)	460	3½	10	15½	46	47½	49½
Shell	700	41½	54	61½	10	17	21
(*721½)	750	13½	26½	35½	33	41½	45
Smkl Bch	500	25½	35½	44	19	25	30
(*503)	550	7½	15½	23	52½	56	60
Storehse	220	20½	25½	28	4½	7	9½
(*234)	240	8	14½	18	13½	16	18
Trafalgar	50	6	7½	9	2½	3	4½
(*52)	60	2	3½	5	9	9	10½
Unilever	1200	46½	74½	90½	27½	38	44½
(*1222)	1250	23	49½	64	57½	65	70½
Zeneca	850	73½	86½	101½	12	24½	30½
(*894)	900	43	56½	73½	30½	45	51½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	390	18	25½	33½	3½	11½	15½
(*405)	420	3½	11	19½	19½	27½	31
Ladbroke	160	11	17	19½	3	4	7
(*169½)	180	1	6½	10	11½	14½	17½
Utd Bisc	330	18½	30½	36½	2½	9½	14
(*344)	360	5½	16	21½	19	24½	30

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	460	30	38½	45½	10	14	19
(*477½)	500	10	17	25½	32	35	39½
Thames W	460	40	43	47	10	15½	21½
(*491½)	500	13½	21	26	31½	36	42
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	420	27½	35½	43½	2½	12½	16½
(*442)	460	5½	15½	24	20½	33	37
BTR	330	20	[illegible]	25	5	10½	16½
(*334)	360	1	9	12½	26	28½	34
Br Aero	483	33½	—	—	6½	—	—
(*506)	531	10½	—	—	30½	—	—
Br Telecm	360	27	36	39½	5½	7	9½
(*387)	390	7½	16	22½	9½	22½	23
Cadbury	409	28	41	—	1½	6	—
(*434)	447	4	16½	—	16	22	—
Guinness	460	15	23½	34	7½	15	20½
(*463)	500	1	11½	16	36½	40½	47½
GEC	280	20½	25	28	1	6½	8½
(*299½)	300	6½	12½	16	6½	16	19
Hanson	220	17½	20½	22	0½	4	5½
(*238)	240	3	8½	12	6½	12½	15½
LASMO	160	5	12½	15½	3	6½	8½
(*164)	180	1	5	9½	16½	18½	19½
Lucas	190	15	21	25	1½	5	9
(*196)	200	3	10	14	12	14½	19
Pilkington	160	18	20	23	0½	2	4½
(*177)	180	3½	9	11	6	11	13
Prudential	300	18	29	32	2½	6	10½
(*314½)	330	2½	12	17	17	20½	25½
Redland	420	10½	24	30	14½	22	28½
(*425½)	460	1	11	15	48	50	54½
R-Royce	160	9½	15½	18½	2	5½	9
(*167)	180	1	6	9	13	16	19
Tesco	260	12½	18	22	4	9	11
(*272)	280	2	5½	12½	16	20½	21½
Vodafone	180	11½	17	22½	2½	7	9½
(*188)	200	2½	8	13½	13½	18	20½
Williams	330	9½	16	19½	10½	15	20
(*335½)	360	1	5½	8½	35	36½	40

FT-SE INDEX (*3175)

	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300
Calls						
Apr	126½	76½	27½	1	1	1
May	144	133	68	40	21	10
Jun	161	125	94	66½	44½	28½
Jul	189½	149½	119½	91	66½	49
Dec	—	232	—	174½	—	129½
Puts						
Apr	1	1	1	25	75	125
May	11	18½	33½	56	88½	127
Jun	24½	38½	57½	80½	109	143½
Jul	39	52	72	94	122	154½
Dec	—	107½	—	146	—	207½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Natl	460	18½	27½	37	12½	20½	23½
(*461½)	500	5	11½	19	40	45	47
Amstrad	175	13	—	—	5	—	—
(*181½)	200	2½	6	10½	20	22½	24½
Barclays	600	42½	55½	67½	8	18	23½
(*629)	650	15	28½	41½	31	42	47½
Blue Circ	280	17½	26	31	7	13	16½
(*287½)	300	8	15½	21½	17½	23	26½
Br Gas	300	10	16½	20	9½	13½	18½
(*305)	330	1	6	9	34	35	38
Dixons	220	26½	29	32½	2	7½	9½
(*242)	240	12½	16	20½	8½	16	17
Forte	220	13	19½	22	4	6½	9½
(*231½)	240	4	9	12½	15½	17½	20
Hillsdwn	160	21	25½	29	0½	2½	3½
(*178½)	180	7	12½	15½	6½	9½	10½
Lonrho	160	9	13	17	6	10	12½
(*161½)	180	2½	5	9	19½	22½	24
Sears	100	5	7½	9½	3	4½	6
(*102½)	110	1	3½	5½	10	11	11½
Thrn EMI	1100	46	60	74	18	39	47
(*1116½)	1150	22½	35	50	44½	68	75
Tomkins	220	22½	25	30	2	7	9
(*238½)	240	9	14	18½	9	15½	19
TSB	220	22½	27½	31½	3½	8½	6
(*237)	240	11	16	21	11½	17	18
Wellcome	1000	53	59½	—	0	3½	—
(*1051)	1050	13½	22	—	7	18	—
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo	700	41	56	64	21	38½	45
(*710)	750	18½	32	41½	49½	67	73½
HSBC	700	71	87½	102	19½	30	36½
(*744½)	750	42	60	76	37	52	59
Reuter	460	38	47½	57½	10½	16	20
(*480½)	500	17½	26½	36½	30	35½	39½
	Series	May	Jul	Oct	May	Jul	Oct
Royal Ins	280	19½	28	31½	2½	6½	12
(*296)	300	7½	16	20½	10	16	21
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	160	21	27	31	3½	7½	9½
(*179)	180	10	16½	21	12	17	19
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastern Gp	600	37	50	63	5½	27	35
(*629)	650	8	24½	40	30	55	65
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Natl Pwr	420	33½	37½	44	7	11½	14½
(*447)	460	8½	19½	24½	29½	32½	34½
Scot Pwr	330	16	22	28	9½	19	20½
(*334)	360	6½	9½	15	29	37	38½

April 20, 1995 Tot: 35041 Call: 17380 Put: 17661 FT-SE Call: 4626 Put: 7386
*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 72729	Jun 95	3191.0	3198.0	3178.0	3188.0	12094
	Sep 95				3211.0	0
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 4405	Jun 95	3510.0	3510.0	3510.0	3510.0	3
	Sep 95					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 393732	Jun 95	92.87	92.89	92.83	92.86	16517
	Sep 95	92.42	92.44	92.36	92.41	18525
	Dec 95	92.08	92.11	92.03	92.09	6107
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 1149	Jun 95				93.72	0
	Sep 95	93.59	93.59	93.59	93.62	30
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 696227	Jun 95	95.25	95.37	95.32	95.36	14088
	Sep 95	95.18	95.19	95.12	95.17	19863
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 90290	Jun 95	103-18	104-00	103-13	103-27	40954
	Sep 95	103-10	103-14	103-10	103-15	370
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 95	116.85	117.05	116.42	116.51	3952
	Sep 95				115.51	0
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 154092	Jun 95	92.51	92.57	92.32	92.45	87018
	Sep 95	91.55	91.90	91.82	91.90	119
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 18375	Jun 95	93.53	93.55	93.48	93.51	1526
	Sep 95	93.44	93.45	93.43	93.44	245
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 40340	Jun 95	96.56	96.56	96.50	96.51	1915
	Sep 95	96.45	96.45	96.38	96.40	1088
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 44077	Jun 95	93.20	93.54	93.19	93.24	22233
	Sep 95				92.59	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O night high: 4¾ Low 7 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth 6¼. Sell: 2 mth 6¼; 3 mth 6¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5¾, close 7.

Local Authority Deps	6	n/a	6¾	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	6	n/a	6.11	6.24	6.50
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87% Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: [illegible] %

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $394.10-394.50 Close: $393.50-394.00 High: $394.35-394.85
Low: $392.25-392.75 AM: $393.35 PM: $393.30

Krugerrand: $394.50-396.50 (£244.00-246.00)

Platinum: $432.75 (£268.50) Silver: $5.94 (£3.615) Palladium: $171.25 (£106.15)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.4713-2.4941	2.4908-2.4941	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Brussels	45.41-45.85	45.75-45.85	6-3pr	18-10pr
Copenhagen	8.7030-8.7700	8.7560-8.7700	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Dublin	0.9870-0.9899	0.9873-0.9899	2-6ds	4-9ds
Frankfurt	2.2085-2.2259	2.2229-2.2259	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	233.61-236.06	235.42-236.06	59-95ds	197-260ds
Madrid	198.74-200.36	200.07-200.36	44-52ds	137-150ds
Milan	2773.72-2803.10	2793.20-2803.10	9-11ds	28-31ds
Montreal	2.2068-2.2146	2.2090-2.2121	0.29-0.41ds	0.51-0.63ds
New York	1.6106-1.6186	1.6122-1.6132	0.03-0.01pr	0.17-0.14pr
Oslo	9.9550-10.0320	10.0160-10.0320	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Paris	7.8140-7.8780	7.8640-7.8780	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Stockholm	11.8150-11.9800	11.9120-11.9570	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	133.24-133.90	133.65-133.90	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	15.55-15.62	15.57-15.60	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	1.8257-1.8404	1.8375-1.8404	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3618-1.3627
Austria	9.63-9.64
Belgium (Com)	28.17-28.18
Canada	1.3704-1.3709
Denmark	5.4005-5.4035
France	4.8565-4.8615
Germany	1.3705-1.3715
Hong Kong	7.7308-7.7313
Ireland	1.6372-1.6407
Italy	1730.94-1731.49
Japan	82.70-82.80
Malaysia	2.4715-2.4725
Netherlands	1.5340-1.5360
Norway	6.1760-6.1810
Portugal	145.10-145.20
Singapore	1.3964-1.3974
Spain	123.50-123.70
Sweden	7.3862-7.3962
Switzerland	1.1326-1.1331

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6148-1.6175
Australia dollar	2.1946-2.1975
Bahrain dinar	0.6005-0.6125
Brazil real*	1.4678-1.4720
China yuan	13.10 Buy
Cyprus pound	0.702-0.712
Finland markka	6.7925-6.9085
Greece drachma	355.50-362.50
Hong Kong dollar	12.4528-12.4574
India rupee	50.06-51.02
Indonesia rupiah	3550.0-3618.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4625-0.4725
Malaysia ringgit	3.9811-3.9839
New Zealand dollar	2.3970-2.4013
Pakistan rupee	49.71 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9725-6.0985
Singapore dollar	2.2493-2.2516
S Africa rand (com)	5.8084-5.9146
U A E dirham	5.8475-5.9715

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,600	Legal & Gn	637
ASDA Gp	6,100	Lloyds Bk	5,100
Abbey Natl	4,300	MEPC	1,100
Alld Dom	1,800	Marks Spr	5,000
Argyll Gp	2,300	NatWst Bk	6,800
Arjo Wiggn	2,100	Nat Power	5,100
AB Foods	2,300	Nth Wst W	1,700
BAA	3,100	P & O	802
BAT Inds	10,000	Pearson	1,900
BOC	1,100	PowerGen	583
BP	10,000	Prudential	4,100
BTR	10,000	RMC	189
BT	7,700	RTZ	2,000
Bk of Scot	1,200	Rank Org	3,300
Barclays	2,400	Reckitt Col	1,500
Bass	235	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	1,300	Reed Intl	1,600
Bocs	2,000	Rentokil	2,500
Bowater	974	Reuters	3,100
Brit Aero	1,600	Rolls Royce	2,800
Brit Airwys	6,600	Ryl Ins	1,800
Brit Gas	10,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,600
Brit Steel	8,200	Sainsbury	5,400
Burmah Cstl	1,000	Schroders	29
Cable Wire	11,000	Scot & New	1,400
Cadbury	2,600	Scot Power	2,300
Caradon	3,400	Sears	1,500
Carlton Cms	767	Svrn Trent	767
Cm Union	1,600	Shell Trans	7,800
Courtaulds	434	Siebe	1,800
De La Rue	444	SmKl Bch	3,000
Eastern Elec	929	Smith Nph	2,900
Enterpr Oil	4,100	Sthern Elec	577
Forte	8,900	Std Chartd	2,770
GKN	2,000	Sun Allnce	1,900
GRE	367	TI Gp	985
GUS	1,500	TSB	3,300
Gen Acc	471	Tate & Lyle	1,100
Gen Elec	7,100	Tesco	3,500
Glaxo	7,000	Thames W	420
Granada	2,800	Thrn EMI	1,800
Grand Met	5,600	Tomkins	5,600
Guinness	3,400	Unilever	2,800
HSBC	2,000	Utd Bisc	1,100
Hanson	11,000	Vodafone	16,000
ICI	2,200	Warburg	493
Inchcape	4,100	Whitbread	3,300
Kingfisher	2,100	Wllms Hld	1,500
Ladbroke	4,900	Wolseley	2,100
Land Secs	785	Zeneca	1,900

	Apr 20 midday	Apr 19 close
AMP Inc	37½	37½
AMR Corp	64½	64½
AT & T	49½	49½
Abbott Labs	37½	37½
Advanced Micro	33½	32½
Aetna Life	55	56½
Ahmanson (HF)	19½	19½
Air Prod & Chem	50½	50½
Albertson's	31½	31½
Alcan Aluminum	27½	27½
Alco Standard	70½	70½
Allied Signal	39½	38½
Alum Co of Am	43½	43½
Amax Gold Inc	5½	5½
Amerada Hess	50½	50½
Amer Brands	38	38½
Amer El Power	31½	32
Amer Express	35½	34½
Amer Genl Corp	32½	32½
Amer Home Pr	76½	77½
Amer Intl	103½	104½
Amer Stores	25½	25½
Ameritech	44½	44½
Amoco	63½	62½
Anheuser-Busch	57½	58
Apple Computer	37½	36½
Archer Daniels	18½	18½
Armco	7	7½
Armstrong Wrld	43½	43½
Asarco	26½	25½
Ashland Oil	35	35
Atl Richfield	115½	114½
Auto Data Pro	63½	63
Avery Dennison	39½	39½
Avon Products	63½	63½
Baker Hughes	21½	20½
Baltim Gas & El	23½	23½
Banc One	29½	30½
BankAmerica	49½	49½
Bank of NY	32½	32½
Bankers Tr NY	53½	53½
Barnett Banks	46	46½
Bausch & Lomb	37½	36½
Baxter Intl	33½	33
Becton Dickson	56½	56½
Bell Atlantic	53	53
Bell Industries	21½	21½
BellSouth	61½	61½
Black & Decker	25½	25½
Block (H&R)	43½	43½
Boeing	54½	53½
Boise Cascade	31½	31½
Bristol Myrs Sq	62½	62½
Browning Ferris	33½	33½
Brunswick	20½	20½
Burlington Nthn	59½	60
CBS	61½	60½
CNA Financial	74½	74½
CPC Intl	59	57½
CSX	80½	80½
Campbell Soup	49½	49½
Can Pacific	15½	15½
Cptl Cities ABC	80½	83½
Carolina Pwr	27	27½
Caterpillar	56½	57½
Central & SW	24½	25½
Champion Intl	41½	41½
Chase Manhat	44½	44½
Chemical Bk	41½	41½
Chevron Corp	46½	45½
Chrysler	44½	46½
Chubb Corp	79½	77½
Cigna Corp	69½	71½
Citicorp	43½	46½
Clorox	59½	58½
Coastal Corp	28½	28½
Coca Cola	57½	57½
Colgate-Palmolive	69½	69½
Columbia Gas	30½	30½
Compaq Comp	35½	32½
Comp Ass Intl	58½	55½
ConAgra	31½	31½
Conrail	55	55½
Cons Edison	27½	27½
Cons Nat Gas	39½	38½
Cooper Inds	38½	39½
Corning Inc	30½	30½
Crown Cork	42½	40½
Dana Corp	28½	29½
Dayton Hudson	69½	69½
Deere	83½	83½
Delta Air Lines	59½	59½
Deluxe Corp	30½	30½
Detroit Edison	28½	28½
Digital Equip	41½	43½
Dillard Dept St	25½	25½
Disney (Walt)	55½	55½
Dominion Res	36½	36½
Donnelley (RR)	33½	34
Dover Corp	63½	64
Dow Chemical	69½	69½
Dow Jones	35½	35½
Dresser	21½	21
Duke Power	39½	39½
Dun & Bradstreet	50½	50½
Du Pont	61½	61½
Eastman Kodak	56½	57
Eaton Corp	55½	55½
Emerson Elec	64½	64½
Engelhard Corp	38	37½

	Apr 20 midday	Apr 19 close
Enron Corp	33½	33½
Entergy	21½	21½
Ethyl Corp	10½	10½
Exxon	65½	64½
FMC Corp	59½	59
FPL Group	37½	37½
Federal Express	66½	68½
Fed Nat Mtge	84½	84½
First Chicago	53½	53½
First Interstate	74½	76
First Union Rlty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	32½	32½
Fluor Corp	48½	48½
Ford Motor	27½	27½
GTE Corp	33½	34½
Gannett	52½	52½
Gap Inc Del	31½	31½
Gen Dynamics	46½	47
Gen Electric	54½	54½
Gen Mills	59½	60½
Gen Motors	44½	44
Gen Reinsurance	129½	129½
Gen Signal	35½	35½
Genuine Parts	39½	38½
Georgia Pac	78½	79½
Gillette	82½	82½
Glaxo ADR	22½	22½
Goodrich (BF)	45½	45½
Goodyear Tire	37½	37½
Grace (WR)	53½	53½
Gt Atl Pac Tea	24½	24½
Great West Fin	20½	20½
Halliburton	36½	37½
Harcourt General	39	39
Heinz (HJ)	41½	41
Hercules	47½	47½
Hershey Foods	53½	54
Hewlett Packard	63½	63
Hilton Hotels	75½	76½
Home Depot	41½	41½
Homestake Mng	18½	18½
Honeywell	38½	38
Household Intl	45½	45½
Houston Inds	39½	39½
Humana	20½	21½
ITT Corp	102½	103
Illinois Tool	49	48
Illinova	23½	23½
INCO	28	28½
Ingersoll Rand	35½	35½
Inland Steel	27	26½
Intel Corp	93½	95½
IBM	90	87½
Intl Flav & Fr	50½	50½
Intl Paper	73½	73½
James River Va	26½	26½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	62½	62½
Kellogg	56	56½
Kerr-McGee	50½	49½
Kimberly-Clark	51½	52
Kmart	15½	15
Knight-Ridder	56½	56½
Lilly (Eli)	73½	73½
Limited Inc	20½	21
LIN Broadcstng	122½	123½
Lincoln Nat	40½	40½
Litton	35½	35½
Liz Claiborne	18½	18½
Lockheed Martin	50½	50
Louisiana Pac	25½	25½
MCI Comm	21½	21½
Marriott Intl	34½	34
Marsh & McLen	82½	81½
Masco Corp	26½	25½
May Dept St	36	36
Maytag Corp	17½	17
McDonalds	33½	33½
McDonnell D	58½	58½
McGraw Hill	72½	72½
Mead Corp	49½	49½
Medtronic	71½	72½
Mellon Bk	38½	39½
Melville Corp	35½	35½
Merck Inc	41½	42½
Merrill Lynch	46	46
Minnesota Mine	59½	58½
Mobil Corp	91½	89½
Monsanto	82	81½
Morgan (JP)	65½	65½
Motorola Inc	57½	57½
Nat Semi	18½	18½
Natl Service Ind	27½	27½
Navistar Int	13½	13½
NBD Bancorp	31½	31½
NY Times A	22½	22½
Newmont Mng	43	43½
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	71½	71½
NL Industries	13½	13½
Noram Energy	5½	5½
Nordstrom	38½	39
Norfolk Sthrn	65½	64½
Nthn State Pwr	43½	43½
Norwest Corp	25½	25½
Nynex Corp	39½	39½
Occidental Pet	23½	22½
Ohio Edison	20½	20½
Oracle Systems	30½	30½
Oryx Energy Co	12½	12½
Owens Corning	39½	38½

	Apr 20 midday	Apr 19 close
PPG Industries	38½	37½
PNC Bank	25½	25
Paccar Inc	42½	41½
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	24½	24½
Pac Gas & Elect	26½	26½
Pac Telesis	30½	30½
Pall Corp	22½	22½
Panhandle East	23½	23½
Parker Hannifin	51½	51½
Peco Energy	25½	25½
Penney (JC)	43½	42½
Pennzoil	49	48½
Pepsico	40½	40½
Pfizer	87½	86½
Phelps Dodge	55½	55½
Philip Morris	67	67½
Phillips Pet	35½	34½
Pitney Bowes	35½	35½
Polaroid	34½	34½
PriceCostco	14½	14½
Procter & Gmbl	68½	67½
Providian	34	34½
Pub Serv E & G	27½	27½
Quaker Oats	35	34½
Ralston Purina	47½	47½
Raychem Corp	35½	35½
Raytheon	70	70½
Reebok Intl	31½	31½
Reynolds Metals	50	49½
Roadway Srvcs	48½	48½
Rockwell Intl	42½	42½
Rohm & Haas	57	56½
Royal Dutch	120½	120½
Rubbermaid	30	30½
Safeco Corp	55½	55½
St Paul's Cos	50½	50½
Salomon Inc	34½	34½
Santa Fe Pac	12½	12½
Sara Lee Corp	27½	27½
Seacorp	16½	16½
Schering Plough	76½	77½
Schlumberger	62	60
Scott Paper	86½	87½
Seagram	28½	27
Sears Roebuck	52½	53½
Shell Trans	70½	69½
Sherwin Wllms	34½	34½
Skyline Corp	17½	17½
Snap-On-Tools	34½	35½
Southern Co	20½	20½
Sthwestern Bell	43½	43½
Sprint Corp	31½	32½
Stanley Works	41	41½
Sun Company	28	28
Sun Microsys	37½	37½
Suntrust	55½	54½
Supervalu	25½	26
Sysco Corp	27½	27½
TRW Inc	71½	71½
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	17½	16½
Tandy Corp	48½	49
Teledyne	25	24½
Temple Inland	42½	42½
Tenet Healthcare	16	16½
Tenneco	46½	46½
Texaco	67½	66½
Texas Inst	91½	92
Texas Utilities	32½	32½
Textron	57	56½
Time Warner	34½	35½
Times-Mirror A	19½	18½
Timken	38½	38½
Torchmark	40½	41
Toys R Us	25½	26
Transamerica	56½	55½
Travelers	39½	39½
Tribune	55½	56½
Tyco Labs	53½	53½
UST Inc	28½	29
UAL	110	107
USX Marathon	18½	18
Unicom	25½	25½
Unilever NV	132½	132½
Union Camp	49½	49½
Union Carbide	29½	28½
Union Pacific	54½	54½
Unisys Corp	10½	10½
USAir Group	7½	7½
USF&G Corp	14½	15½
US Life	37½	37½
US West	40½	40½
United Tech	69½	70
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
Upjohn	36½	36½
VF Corp	52	51½
WMX Tech	28½	27½
Wal-Mart Stores	24½	25
Warner-Lambert	77½	77½
Wells Fargo	165½	166½
Westinghouse El	15½	15½
Weyerhaeuser	38½	38½
Whirlpool	56½	54½
Whitman	18½	18½
Winn Dixie	56	56½
Woolworth	15½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43½	43½
Xerox	119	117½
Yellow Corp	18½	18½

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Ross Tieman examines the effects on industry of a falling pound

Sterling's swings and roundabouts

Loaded down: like many British-based firms, Lancer Boss, the fork-lift maker, is feeling the pinch of the rising cost of components made abroad

Bob Bischoff hates currency instability with a vengeance, but one thought makes him chuckle. As a German working in Britain, and paid in German marks, he has enjoyed a 9 per cent pay rise this year, courtesy of the currency speculators. Of course, unlike the rest of us, he is no better off when he returns to Germany for a holiday.

At work, however, Mr Bischoff, chairman of Boss Group, the British subsidiary of German fork-lift truck maker Jungheinrich, is already seeing big, inflationary rises in the price of steel and in the cost of components bought from Italy, France and Germany.

"There will be a massive amount of price increases working through when you have a big fall in sterling like this," he says. "When Britain came out of the ERM in 1992, industry was only working at 70 per cent of capacity. Now there are shortages in a good few areas."

Mr Bischoff is right. British industry will enjoy only a temporary boost from the fall of the pound this year against the German mark and the Japanese yen.

During the first quarter, currency fluctuations that began last year have gained an astonishing impetus. The US dollar has slumped 15 per cent against the Japanese currency to achieve a 20 per cent fall, year-on-year. Sterling has followed the dollar down, but at a slower rate. At current levels, a pound buys around 10 per cent more dollars than it did a year ago, but has slipped 12 per cent against the mark.

In simple terms, British industry should now find it easier to export to Germany and Japan, and to displace products from those countries both in Britain and other export markets.

Many of Britain's exporters are already achieving record overseas sales, a result of sterling devaluation since 1992, lukewarm domestic demand, economic recovery in continental Europe, and a lot of hard work to improve their competitiveness.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the car industry. In the first quarter of this year, the number of cars built for sale in Britain fell 15.1 per cent. Production for export, meanwhile, rose 18.4 per cent. Taken year-on-year, and adjusted for seasonal factors, Britain's output of cars has risen 17.1 per cent, with exports enjoying a 63 per cent boom. Production for sale in Britain, meanwhile, fell 11.6 per cent, partly as a result of weak demand, partly because imports grabbed a bigger share of the market.

American companies, however, will have gained an even greater price advantage, allowing them to undercut British manufacturers both here and overseas.

The overall impact of currency movements is more complex. Many commodities, including oil and gas, are priced in US dollars. But so too, are many internationally traded products, including aircraft and even automotive components. A British company enjoying cheaper inputs may simultaneously find itself experiencing lower prices for its finished products.

The biggest fear for many managers is that Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, and Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, will feel obliged to try to support sterling in the markets by putting up interest rates.

Although business is feeling the pain of currency fluctuations, many company managers believe sterling is largely being caught in the turbulence between the dollar and the yen. In spite of having to ride the exchange-rate roller-coaster, they are clear that any action the Government might take would be worse medicine.

According to the British Chambers of Commerce, Britain's economic growth is already slowing. "Too precipitate action on interest rates simply to support sterling could produce a nose dive," said its latest state of trade report. Robin Geldard, president of the BCC, was unequivocal yesterday in how the Government should respond to the falling pound. "Despite the currency markets' problems," he said, "the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England should not raise interest rates merely in order to support the pound."

Members of the economic affairs committee of the Confederation of British Industry, who considered these issues on Wednesday, came to a similar view. But they accepted that the currency market pressure is giving the Chancellor difficulties, and that he might well try to resolve them by using interest rates to support the pound.

Individual exchange rates can give a misleading impression when the pound is caught, as it is, between trends which are really focused on three other currencies. The Bank of England's trade-weighted currency index, which seeks to measure the impact of fluctuations in terms of their impact via Britain's trading patterns, has fallen 5.4 per cent in the past 12 months. Of that, almost 4.7 per cent has occurred since January.

For now, at least, most big, British-based international companies are watching carefully, but are not too worried. A company such as GKN, manufacturing automotive components in Germany, France, Spain, Italy, Scandinavia, Britain and the United States, feels almost no overall impact from these currency changes, because each plant is primarily directed at supplying local manufacturers.

If demand in one country exceeds GKN's local capacity, then currency factors will doubtless be taken into account when deciding upon the top-up source overseas, but changing sources take time.

British Aerospace is particularly sensitive to dollar movements, because that is the currency of the international civil aviation industry. "We would like a stronger dollar," said a spokesman, "but we know we cannot rely upon currency levels. We manage our business to be competitive by driving down costs and improving productivity." Airbus Industrie, the European planemaker in which BAe is a 20 per cent partner, sells its aircraft in dollars. But it also contracts with its suppliers in dollars. That is a much bigger problem for Dasa and Aérospatiale, BAe's German and French partners in the venture.

You might think British Airways, which pays many of its bills in dollars, would be better off. Not so. Oil prices have risen sharply. Dollars make up a large chunk of the pot-pourri of currencies in which passengers pay for tickets and freight.

In any case, big companies like these understand the level of currency risk to which their business is exposed and have sophisticated treasury departments which can use currency futures to manage it.

The people most likely to suffer as a result of currency fluctuations, says Sudhir Junankar, associate economics director at the CBI, are small firms. Many small companies now regard exporting, especially to Europe, as part of their bread and butter business. If they have contracted in marks to supply a German customer, they will be eyeing a profit windfall. But anyone pricing in dollars may see his margins wiped out.

For now, many economists and industialists believe the currency movements are overdone. But on past form, that is no guarantee that they will quickly be reassessed.

As Roger Turner, finance director of GKN, observes: "If currency movements were to continue, so that, say, the Italian lire and Spanish peseta decline, then the weight of investment into those countries could be somewhat greater in the medium term."

This poses a real problem for British companies, as well as those in countries with strong currencies such as Germany and Japan. In most industries, the most modern plants are the most sophisticated, and have the lowest costs. If marginal increases in capacity go overseas, instead of reinforcing existing plants, the competitiveness of plants in Britain, and elsewhere will decline.

Mr Bischoff is lobbying his bosses in Hamburg to lift investment in his plant at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. "If we can have German levels of productivity with a British exchange rate, we will make money," he says with relish.

But he has no doubt that investment in Germany will be maintained. "When I first came to the UK there were 11.2 Deutsche marks to the pound," he says. "A weak currency is poor substitute for investment and higher productivity."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Taxing issue of some interest

A WARNING to all the "little people" who pay tax: watch out for, and defend, your commas and decimal points. The Inland Revenue took issue with chartered accountants Gordon Berman over a client's "significant discrepancy in the amount of interest reported to this Office and the amount actually returned". But, after further inquiry, the IR admitted a terrible mistake: "The IR's computer was regrettably not programmed to pick up decimal points." Instead of converting $236.16 to arrive at £155.98, $23616 (sic) was converted to £15598 (sic). "Your client would have been disturbed by the suggestion that a substantial amount of income had not been declared," the IR says. The apt reply surely is: You're dash, dot and damned comma right.

NOTED investment banker Michel de Carvalho (NM Rothschild, White Weld, Credit Suisse First Boston) has been made co-chairman of Nikko Europe with current chairman Masashi Keneko.

All clear

HOW we love to hate our banks, and German zoologist and Oxford research fellow, Dr Barbara Maas, a former Barclays customer, feels with good cause. The Bicester branch said it could not cash a £21,200 Eurocheque in less than four weeks — and took two weeks to come to that decision. Adding insult to injury, she was asked "Miss or Mrs Maas?" — hurtful, since the cheque was in favour of Dr B Maas. "Oh, I thought that was probably your husband," the single Dr Maas was told. So it was off to the Co-operative Bank, for whose new customer the cheque was cleared in three days.

THE Wyoming Trucker, *a US magazine, has this advice for people with lots of unpaid bills: Send out a change of address card — and then don't move.*

COLIN CAMPBELL

Why the entertainer coming up our road may not be invited inside

Cable television faces a hard fight to make Britain love it as much as America does, says **Eric Reguly**

To listen to the cable companies, there is something wrong with you if you do not have cable television.

Cable can enrich your life with as many as 42 channels, carrying everything from first-run films and home shopping to round-the-clock news and sports. Its high-capacity lines are set to deliver video-on-demand, the next great step in the multimedia revolution. You can use cable to make telephone calls at rates BT cannot possibly match.

Given that the majority of Britain's dozen or so cable operators are controlled by American and Canadian media companies — no slouches at promotion — all the hype is hardly surprising. What is surprising is that cable, for all the hoo-ha, is off to a slow start with customers. Penetration rates are low; disconnection rates are high. There is now considerable doubt whether cable will ever be as popular in Britain as in North America.

Investors are the latest sceptics. For the past year, they have been told that cable is the sexiest growth industry around; buy a share and you are buying into the information superhighway. However, the flotations have not been runaway successes, in spite of analysts' enthusiasm for the sector.

On Wednesday, poor investor response forced General Cable to cut the price of the shares in its initial public offering to 190p, from a forecast price of 220p to 255p. The lower price valued the company at £481 million. In February, its executives were saying that the company was worth £600 million to £700 million.

Shares of Telewest, one of the two largest cable companies, have come down from their issue price of 182p in November to 153½p this week. Nynex CableComms may be the next victim. Its £400 million Anglo-American flotation is scheduled for early June.

The theory that cable's outlook is uncertain becomes all the more compelling when you bring digital television into the equation. Digital TV is coming — the BBC has been testing it — and some experts think that it will deal a blow to cable's fortunes. Digital TV, in its terrestrial form, will be able to deliver a dozen or so channels within the existing frequency spectrum. Receiving the channels would require a set-top box, but no new TV or antenna. If you can get that many channels for nothing, why pay £20 a month for cable?

Good question, says John Foley, of Convergent Decisions Group, a broadcasting research boutique. "Why did people go to cable in the first place? To get many more channels," he said. "But if consumers can get a lot of channels through their existing antenna, they'd be less likely to fork out for a cable connection."

Britain's cable companies are less than halfway through one of the country's biggest infrastructure programmes. By the end of last year, they had spent more than £3 billion digging up streets to lay their coaxial and fibre-optic cables. The Cable Communications Association says that investment will reach as much as £12 billion by the end of the decade.

So far, cable lines run by about five million of Britain's 22 million homes; about one million of them take the service. The CCA expects cable to pass 6.5 million homes, with 1.3 million connections, by the end of this year. By 2000, as many as 20 million homes will have been passed, its says.

Although the construction rate is impressive, the penetration rate is not. Less than 22 per cent of homes with access to cable take it. Worse, the "churn" rates — the rate at which subscribers drop cable — is 30 per cent or more a year. The Yorkshire franchise of General Cable, controlled by Compagnie Générale des Eaux of France, had an extraordinarily high churn rate of 50 per cent in the first half of 1994.

> **We're entering a period where there will be a plethora of new services through rival media**

The figures look all the more dismal when compared to the American experience. Cable made inroads in the early 1950s, when "Wild Bill" Daniels, a cable pioneer, set up a system in Wyoming. Construction spending took off in the 1970s and peaked in the early 1980s. Today, there are more than 56 million cable households in America, and penetration rates are about 63 per cent. California alone has about 400 cable systems.

Cable became part of America's cultural landscape partly because it was the only way to receive a strong TV signal in many parts of the country. It also offered a wide choice for a new generation of couch potatoes. The arrival in the mid-1970s of Home Box Office, a channel offering Hollywood's top-run fare, drove cable's popularity to new heights.

Alan Bates, chief executive of Bell Cablemedia, one of several cable companies floated recently, says that it is unfair to compare the British and American experiences. "In the US, they installed cable systems 25 years ago; we came to it late here," he said. He expects penetration to reach 50 per cent over the next eight years or so as programming improves and public awareness increases.

Will cable really take off? Britain's cable bosses seem to forget that cable, in many parts of the US, was the only way to get distortion-free TV. Today, it is one of several ways of zapping a TV signal into the living room. A TV licence and a basic antenna get you BBC and ITV channels in most parts of Britain. Viewers wanting more choice can pay for a satellite service, such as BSkyB. In a few years, digital TV, in both terrestrial and satellite forms, will be available. Then, in 2001, British Telecom will get the right to use its network to deliver video. Barry Cox, director of the ITV Association, says: "We're entering a period where there will be a plethora of new services available through rival media."

Digital TV's main advantage is ability to deliver many more channels along the same frequency spectrum. Through digital compression, several digital channels can be squeezed into the space of a single analogue channel. Some satellites will be capable of broadcasting 500 channels, which would enable them to deliver near-video-on-demand. The same movie would be broadcast on several channels at staggered times, so that a customer would never have to wait more than a few minutes for the start of the movie he wants to see.

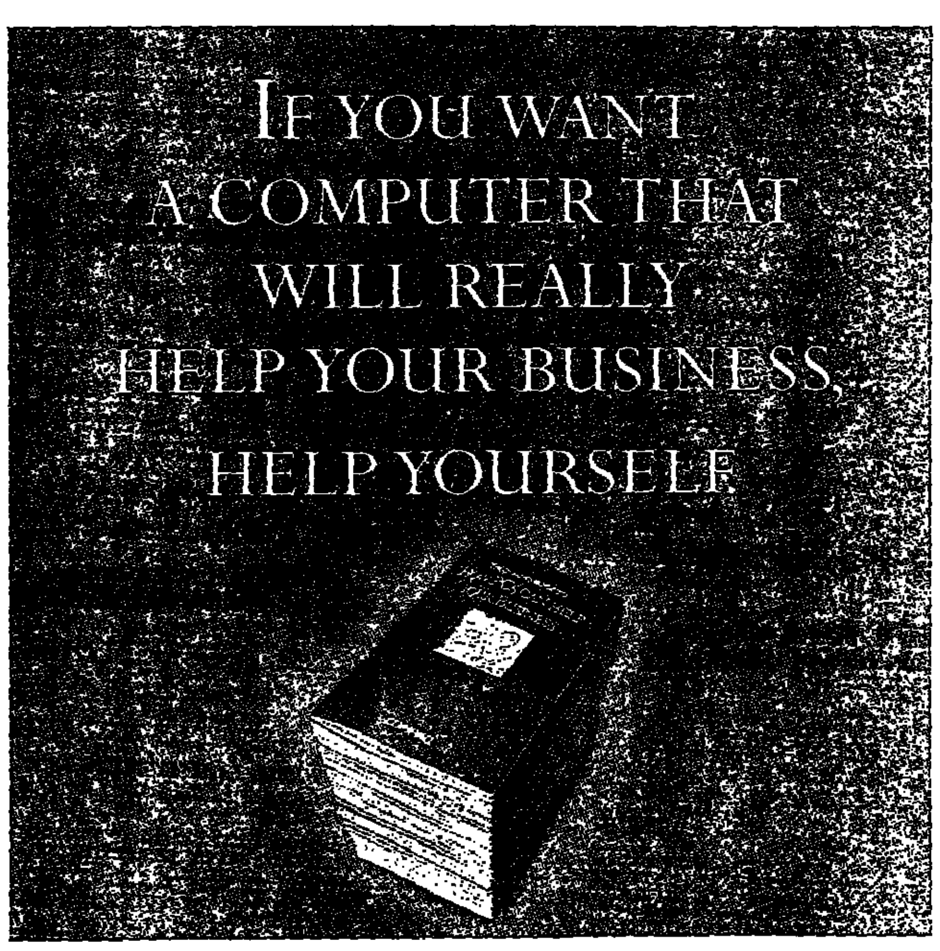
It is, however, terrestrial digital TV that appears to have the greatest popular potential. "It is the cheap solution for the mass market," said Mr Foley. Gaining access to a dozen channels, for the price of a set-top box, offers considerable choice without the ongoing expense of cable or satellite fees.

Mr Bates, of Bell CableMedia, said that digital may nibble into cable's market, but he does not see it as an extraordinary threat because, unlike cable, it cannot offer telephony and true video-on-demand.

Indeed, telephony has been a hit with cable customers and is likely to displace video as cable companies' main generator of income. Nynex plans to guarantee to undercut BT rates by 25 per cent.

However, video-on-demand, even in embryonic form, is at least three or four years away. Near-video-on-demand will precede it. The scenario is less than ideal for cable companies. In the late 1990s, their near-VOD will probably be competing with the near-VOD service of digital satellites. They will also face competition from the expanded collecton of channels offered by terrestrial digital TV. It will be a free-for-all, and the cable companies may suffer.

The cabling of Britain's streets has taken lines past five million homes so far



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1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
490	415	Abbey Nat	462	+ 8	4.8	10.0
296	250	Allied Irish	289	- 1	4.8	8.4
233	198	Arc New Z	233	+ 2	4.9	8.5
3156¼	2531¼	Bank America	3087½	+ 37½		
230	191½	Bank Scotland	215	- ½	3.1	12.1
666	557½	Barclays	629	- 5	4.2	6.8
335	288	Bk of Ireland	332	- 1	4.3	9.6
476	418	Cater Allen	476	+ 2	7.4	9.8
2925	2450	Citicorp	2893¾	- 12½		
262	219	Close Brost	261		3.8	11.8
£150¾	£129¼	Commerzbk	£140¾	- 381¼	3.9	
1275	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1221¼	- 21¼	0.5	-
£317¼	£225	Deutsche Bk	£307¾	+ 518¾	2.4	
856¼	612½	Espirito Santo	759¾	+ 3¾	10.6	-
1485	1192½	Fuji Bank Y	1425½	- 1	0.4	
490	395	Gerrard Nat	423	+ 6	7.1	12.2
253	195	Hambros	205	+ 1	9.1	12.6
756½	589	HSBC	745	+ 2	4.5	9.4
740	576	HSBC HK	730	+ 2	4.6	9.2
408	353	Joseph (L)	363	- 2	6.1	10.6
103	85	King Shaxson	89		12.6	8.8
663	529	Kleinwort Bent	630	+ 1	4.3	11.3
641	530	Lloyds	610	+ 1	5.3	10.3
552	479	Nat Aust Bk	546	- 1	6.2	9.5
556	464	Nat West	538	- 4½	5.0	9.1
2400	2150	Ottoman Bank	2375		6.7	2.3
67	53	Rea Brost	53		2.4	
429	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	413	- 2	4.2	11.8
1632	1360	Schroders	1620		1.6	15.4
1445	1225	Schroders NV	1435		1.8	13.6
86½	81	Singer & Fried	82		5.3	-
304	246	Stand Chart	298	+ 6	3.4	9.0
252¼	217	TSB	237	+ ½	4.8	10.1
93	70	Unitas	81		4.6	-
784	655	Warburg SG	732	+ 7	3.7	13.5
£103¾	9043¾	Wells Fargo	£103¾	+ 68¾	2.8	-
237½	215	Westpac	229½	- ¼	2.4	
236	200	Wintrust	205		6.5	13.7

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1995 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
105	91	ABI Leis	96		5.3	11.0
595	535	Adam & Harvey	550		3.5	6.9
21	16	Alexanders	20		8.7	9.6
113	88	Appleyard	107		6.8	-
4¼	3¾	Arc Br Eng	3¾		1.7	26.8
555	518	BSS Group	555		4.1	19.6
24½	20½	Bearing Power	21		6.0	10.8
28	25	Bogod 'A'	25		3.5	10.5
363	345	Brammer	355		4.7	-
17	10½	Brogend Gp	15		1.7	78.0
96	87	Brit Fittings	90		5.6	-
48	28	Brown & Tawse	40			
39	33	Burncane	34	+ 1	7.1	
270	215	Caltyns	245		5.9	40.2
88	65	Central Mtr	73		4.7	48.6
42	35	Coop (DC)	36		4.0	11.0
269	220	Cowie	261	+ 1	4.4	11.2
143	125	Dag Motors	138		6.3	-
598	563	Dennans El	563	- 5	1.5	15.9
450	403	Diploma	448	+ 4	3.8	15.8
540	472	Electrocomps	538	- 2	2.4	22.0
173	153	Electron House	163		2.7	13.7
263	234	Ellis & Everard	240		4.1	15.9
111	87	European Mtr	104		5.4	11.3
401	364	Evans Halshaw	373		5.0	-
595	512	Farnell Elec	593	- 1	1.7	24.3
60	48	Fife Indmar	48		7.8	-
27¼	15	Gardiner	22½	+ ½	4.5	10.2
24	16	Glencheldon	17	+ 1		18.8
73	61	Gowrings	66	+ 4	4.3	-
73	62	Hallin Higgs	69	- ½	1.8	13.2
172	148	Harris (Philip)	165		5.2	14.5
305	258	Hertys	305		3.5	14.2
98	81	Holders Tech	94		3.0	-
110	88	ICA Intl	94	+ 4	1.5	-
430	274	Inchcape	307	- ½	6.1	11.9
58	53	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
167	142	Kwik-Fit	158	+ 10½	3.5	15.6
339	277	Lex Service	336	- 1	5.2	17.8
195	164	Lookers	168		5.6	9.3
15	14	Malaya Grp	14½		3.4	34.5
8¼	5¼	Middlesex	6		1.1	-
435	330	Norbain	342	+ 12	0.8	15.3
92	78	Normanber	84	+ 5	1.9	35.7
152	152	PCT	152		6.1	14.7
253	225	Pendragon	238		4.3	13.8
161	123	Perry Gp	141		6.9	-
135	126	Quicks Group	132		5.2	-
171	160	REA	169		4.4	35.0
3	2¼	Reece	3			
6	2¼	Ross Co	5¼		4.8	
51½	37½	SEP Ind	51½	+ ½	2.5	17.2
50	38	TLS Range	47	+ 1	4.1	
233	225	Time Products	231		4.7	15.5
220	151	Vardy (Reg)	218	- 2	3.0	16.3
249	240	Wholesale Ftgs	249		5.9	22.1
18½	12½	Wills Gp	13½		4.6	7.6
74½	65	Winchow	65	- ½	1.2	21.9
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80	68	Young (H)	73		6.2	13.7

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
(Accum Units)	422.90	449.30f	+ 0.40	1.61
Cptl Smllr Cos	57.41	61.56	- 0.46	0.58
(Accum Units)	60.97	64.74	- 0.50	0.58
Convertible	120.10	127.70	+ 1.80	5.87
(Accum Units)	242.60	258.00	+ 3.20	5.87
Emerging Markets	60.87	64.81	+ 0.19	0.25
(Accum Units)	60.72	64.66	+ 0.19	0.25
European	114.70	121.50	- 0.40	0.14
(Accum Units)	120.10	127.40	- 0.20	0.14
Extra Income	322.10	342.50	+ 0.40	4.19
(Accum Units)	483.80	514.50	+ 0.60	4.19
Financial	117.70	125.70	- 0.30	0.38
(Accum Units)	124.60	134.10	- 0.40	0.38
Gilt Trust	61.43	63.25f	- 0.05	6.37
(Accum Units)	88.13	90.68f	- 0.07	6.37
Health Fund Inc	132.80	141.80	- 1.40	
(Accum Units)	132.80	141.40	- 1.40	
Income & Growth	185.30	197.10	+ 0.30	3.32
(Accum Units)	279.50	297.70	+ 0.40	3.32
Intl Growth	348.20	370.60	- 2.80	2.10
(Accum Units)	384.50	411.80	- 3.10	...
Japan & Gen	164.20	175.40f	+ 2.10	
(Accum Units)	165.90	177.20f	+ 2.30	
Monthly Inc	155.20	165.00f		4.14
Managed Fxd Inc	99.06	104.30f	- 0.10	1.81
(Accum Units)	105.40	112.00f	..	1.81
Currency Income	50.66	53.90	- 0.01	4.79
(Accum Units)	54.41	57.87		4.79
Recovery	321.90	343.20	- 0.30	0.13
(Accum Units)	377.90	404.00	- 0.40	0.13
UK Growth	52.60	56.34	- 0.12	2.79
(Accum Units)	54.50	58.20	- 0.13	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smllr Cos	112.30	120.10	- 0.70	0.0
FP Asian Growth	234.40	250.80	+ 1.70	0.0
FP Australian	314.50	337.40	- 1.30	0.8
FP Equity Dist	373.70	397.50	- 0.70	2.80
-do- Accum	789.20	839.50	- 1.50	2.90
FP Euro Gth Dist	142.70	151.80	- 0.30	0.75
-do- Accum	148.80	158.20	- 0.30	0.75
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.80	135.80f	- 0.40	7.42
-do- Accum	238.70	252.20f	- 0.90	7.42
FP Intl Bond	56.22	59.45f	- 0.24	4.98
FP Intl Gth Dist	89.50	95.30	- 0.05	0.77
-do- Accum	90.80	96.70	- 0.05	0.77
FP Nth Amer Dist	183.40	194.20	+ 0.90	1.12
-do- Accum	202.10	214.60	+ 1.80	1.12
FP Pac Basin Acc	193.00	206.30	+ 0.80	
FP Income	52.62	56.12		5.30
(Accum Units)	170.90	181.60		5.30
FP Jap Smllr Cos	311.50	332.20	- 4.40	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.80	73.52f	- 0.08	6.04
FP Stlg Deposit	100.20	100.20f		6.25
FP Tokyo	87.66	93.52	- 0.56	0.0
FP UK Focus	35.16	37.60f	- 0.03	1.92
FP UK Growth	166.10	177.10	- 0.10	2.81
(Accum Units)	321.70	343.40	- 0.10	2.81
Stewardship Dist	323.30	343.90		2.10
-do- Accum	395.30	420.50	- 0.10	2.10
Stwdshp Inc Dist	69.61	73.41	- 0.01	3.84
-do- Accum	89.52	95.73	- 0.01	3.84
NT Am Stwdsp Dist	92.12	98.08	+ 0.32	0.86
-do- Accum	97.86	104.10	+ 0.30	0.86
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	105.60	112.30	- 0.20	1.13
Open Cap Gth Acc	105.70	112.40	- 0.20	0.27
Cap Gth Inc Inc	101.90	108.30	- 0.30	2.61
Cap Gth Inc Acc	104.30	110.60	- 0.30	2.61
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	103.40	110.00	- 0.30	3.08
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	106.00	112.70	- 0.30	3.08
Mid Inst Trusts				
American	44.81	47.67	+ 0.23	1.10
European	198.40	210.30f	- 0.50	0.77
(Accum Units)	215.60	228.70	- 0.50	0.77
Intl	31.01	33.09	- 0.07	0.94
(Accum Units)	44.97	47.99	- 0.11	0.94
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 108/7				
BANDA	230.60	243.80	- 0.50	2.58
Cash	49.70	50.44		5.28
Growth Portfolio	74.30	78.76	- 0.15	1.04
Income Portfolio	81.23	84.75	- 0.11	4.76
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 286 6441				
Special Sits	179.60	192.10	+ 2.70	1.49
Dividend	84.69	90.58	- 0.05	4.21
Intl Gth & Inc	213.10	227.90	+ 1.20	3.89
UK & Gen	42.06	44.98	- 0.30	2.12
Fund of Funds	60.37	64.57f	- 0.09	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	182.70	194.80f	- 0.50	...
European	531.00	566.70f	- 0.20	0.35
Far East & Gen	225.20	240.90	- 1.80	..
Germany	111.70	118.20	- 0.50	
Income Inc	146.10	156.40f		4.62
(Accum Units)	160.00	171.20		4.62
International	296.10	316.70f	- 2.30	
Intl Income	79.01	83.69	+ 0.05	4.06
Japan & General	377.80	401.30f	+ 0.28	...
Korean Securities	61.35	65.62	+ 0.44	
Smllr Cos Div Inc	42.11	45.04	- 0.01	5.33
UK Capital Inc	161.00	172.20		1.35
UK Capital Acc	281.60	301.20	+ 0.19	1.35
UK Spec Sits	77.95	83.57	+ 0.01	8.74
US & General	136.40	145.30	- 0.60	

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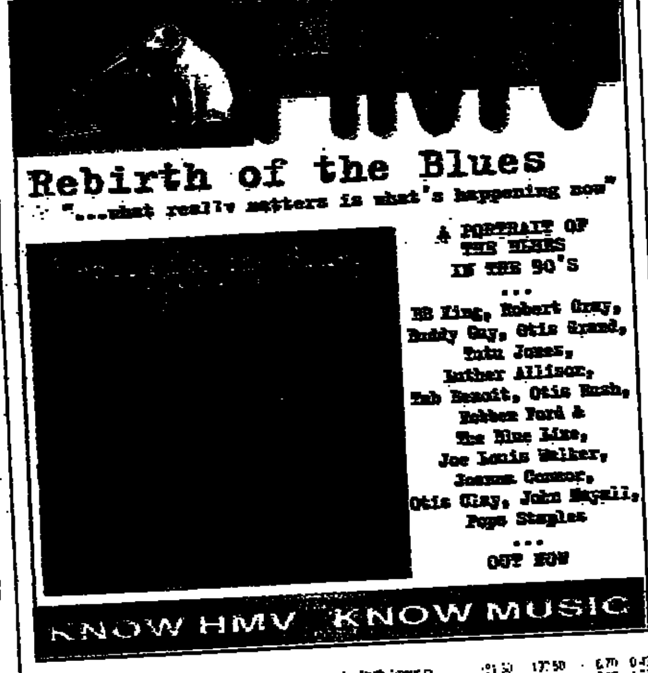
	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Trust	194.47	207.36	+ 1.38	..
Japan Special Sits	205.34	218.42f	- 0.75	..
Pacific Smll Cos	222.47	238.04f	- 0.25	0.01
North American	228.89	242.71	- 1.85	0.25
American Smaller	102.81	109.50f	- 1.15	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	98.29	100.80	- 0.10	2.32
Capital	167.50	175.30	- 0.30	1.72
Dollar	336.60	352.40	- 2.70	..
Enterprise Gth	315.20	330.00f	- 0.30	1.82
European	218.30	228.50	- 0.70	1.82
Far East	293.10	306.90	- 0.60	0.51
Financial	783.90	828.60f	- 3.10	1.97
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.82	25.81	- 0.09	7.85
High Yield	100.60	105.50	+ 0.10	4.13
Income & Growth	140.20	148.80	+ 0.10	3.44
International	246.30	257.50	- 1.00	0.02
Japanese General	205.60	215.48	- 1.00	
Japan Tech	81.31	85.14	- 0.41	
Nat Resources	69.77	73.05f	- 0.31	
Portfolio	70.11	73.41	- 0.11	1.37
Smaller Cos	121.80	127.50f	- 0.19	1.68
Special Sits	148.20	153.00f	- 0.10	1.53
UK Emerging Cos	88.93	93.12	- 0.010	1.05
US Smaller Cos	95.32	99.54	- 1.04	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisory: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	98.10	104.70		6.03
Capital	570.90	609.30f	- 0.30	2.48
Income #	543.10	579.60	- 1.70	5.25
Footsie Fund	53.23	53.50	- 0.02	2.83
Trade Index	104.08	111.00		2.12
UK Index	135.50	144.60	+ 0.50	3.19
International Funds				
American Growth	473.50	505.30f	- 1.30	0.60
American Index	200.70	213.80	- 0.10	1.23
European Growth	107.30	114.20	- 0.40	0.33
Eurotrack 100	155.80	164.70	- 0.30	0.59
Global Bond	20.63	21.77	- 0.05	6.14
Japan Growth	281.30	299.40	- 2.28	
Japan Index	82.49	88.04	- 0.68	0.17
Japan Smlr Cos	31.45	33.56	- 0.67	
Far Eastern Funds				
Asian	51.40	54.86	+ 0.19	0.24
Hong Kong Gwth	91.70	97.87f	+ 0.57	1.44
Spore & Mlysa Gth	69.44	74.11	+ 0.18	
Tiger Index	184.00	196.40	+ 0.80	1.48
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.70	30.67	+ 0.06	1.17
General Funds -				
Managed	69.90	72.66	+ 0.21	1.86
Regent Child Fnd	83.38	86.67f	- 0.09	2.53
UK Growth	58.61	60.93	- 0.13	2.34
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc	80.53	83.71	- 0.07	6.89
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.77	26.58f	- 0.26	7.94
UK Inc & Gwth	38.90	40.44f	- 0.25	3.87
UK Income	323.30	336.10f	- 0.03	5.35
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.88	49.67f	- 0.22	0.24
Amer Smll Cos	113.10	117.60	- 0.83	
(Accum Units)	114.30	118.80	- 0.83	
Europe Gth	149.10	154.70		0.25
(Accum Units)	154.20	160.00		0.25
Euro Smaller Cos	27.50	28.59	- 0.42	
French Growth	77.94	81.02	+ 0.21	0.25
Accum Units	83.61	86.91	+ 0.21	0.25
H Kong & China	71.89	74.73	- 0.36	1.76
Intl Growth	56.22	58.44	- 0.03	0.57
(Accum Units)	56.69	58.92	- 0.03	0.57
Japan Gth	32.66	33.95	- 0.32	
Accum Units	32.68	33.95	- 0.32	
Japan Smaller Cos	36.79	38.24	- 1.34	
Glob Emg Mkts	86.92	90.35	- 0.62	
Accum Units	87.53	90.99	- 0.62	
SE Asia	293.50	305.10f	+ 0.59	0.31
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	54.91	58.59	- 0.49	5.77
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cap	129.60	137.70	- 0.90	
Income	147.95	157.39	+ 0.25	3.88
UK Growth	56.88	59.20	+ 0.16	0.50
International	73.70	78.39	- 0.05	0.08
Ecology	78.82	83.84f	- 0.55	1.28
European	121.48	128.89	- 0.81	
Far Eastern	277.50	295.10	+ 1.50	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7364				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.50	51.60f	+ 0.04	7.46
Gilt Yield	113.50	119.80f	+ 0.10	6.68
Global Income	202.50	215.40	- 0.63	4.20
High Yield	132.20	140.60f	- 0.10	6.30
(Accum Units)	404.70	430.50f		6.30
Smllr Cos Div	49.32	52.47	- 0.13	3.19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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	89.50	95.21	- 0.59	
North American	75.01	79.80	- 0.39	0.16
European Special	103.70	110.30	- 0.60	0.14
European	149.90	159.50	- 0.80	0.39
(Accum Units)	195.80	208.40	- 0.80	0.38
General	269.60	286.80	- 0.50	3.16
Global Eqty Inc	99.64	106.00	- 0.20	1.13
Japan	403.60	429.60	- 3.70	
Japanese Special	211.20	224.70f	- 2.60	
Master Accum	228.50	243.10	- 0.60	0.57
Pacific	309.80	329.70	- 1.60	
(Accum Units)	363.50	385.70	- 1.80	
Smaller Cos	103.60	110.20		0.62
UK Equity Growth	37.95	40.37	- 0.02	1.51
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS [illegible]				
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD [illegible]				
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT [illegible]				
LAURENTIAN UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD [illegible]				
LAZARD FUND MGRS LTD [illegible]				
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD [illegible]				
LINCOLN NATIONAL [illegible]				
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD [illegible]				

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	56.34	59.94	- 0.17	1.95
-do- Acc	62.69	66.71	- 0.19	1.49
N American Gen	175.00	186.20	+ 0.80	0.95
-do- Acc	202.10	215.30	- 0.90	0.99
NAm Sml Co Rec	133.30	142.40	- 1.10	
-do- Acc	136.60	145.50	- 1.70	
Pacific Basin	224.50	238.80	- 0.90	0.82
-do- Acc	238.40	253.70	- 1.30	0.82
Small Cos Rec	349.00	367.40	- 0.20	2.22
-do- Acc	466.90	491.40	- 0.20	2.22
UK Growth	82.54	88.13	- 0.16	2.66
-do- Acc	100.90	107.30	- 0.10	2.69
Worldwide Gth	298.50	318.60	- 1.30	0.61
-do- Acc	445.50	471.90	- 1.60	0.61
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	64.45	69.12	+ 0.08	0.10
General	84.65	90.65	- 0.24	1.50
Income	[illegible]	66.65f		5.50
International	61.71	66.27	- 0.04	0.5
Japan	58.62	62.89	- 0.45	
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.75	68.40f	+ 0.02	1.40
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	397.50	425.50		0.63
(Accum Units)	482.30	510.00		0.63
Amer Recovery	459.90	486.20		0.45
(Accum Units)	527.70	558.00		0.45
Amer Smllr Cos	130.30	137.80		
(Accum Units)	133.10	140.30		
Australasian	149.90	156.60		2.25
(Accum Units)	185.40	194.00		2.25
Capital	631.20	656.60		2.77
(Accum Units)	931.50	985.10		2.77
Charifund	682.00	686.30		5.75
(Accum Units)	£31.83	£32.15		5.75
Commodity	387.40	409.70		0.40
(Accum Units)	555.70	591.50		0.40
Compound Grth	934.20	987.90		3.14
(Accum Units)	979.30	£10.35		3.14
Dividend	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.35
(Accum Units)	168.30	178.00		4.35
Equity Income	332.90	353.00		4.97
(Accum Units)	432.40	457.30		4.97
Euro & General	492.90	516.90		1.24
(Accum Units)	612.10	653.70		1.24
Euro Dividend	69.50	73.50		3.61
(Accum Units)	85.60	88.40		3.61
Extra Yield	405.60	429.50f		4.96
(Accum Units)	£12.81	£13.55		4.96
Far Eastern	332.50	351.70		0.63
(Accum Units)	441.50	466.90		0.63
Fund of Inv Tsts	600.60	635.10		2.03
(Accum Units)	£11.21	£11.86		2.03
General	60.00	63.40		3.92
(Accum Units)	162.60	173.40		3.92
Gilt Income	59.04	59.12		8.10
(Accum Units)	164.20	164.62		8.10
Gold	63.20	66.80		0.88
(Accum Units)	74.70	78.90		0.88
High Income	38.10	39.70		4.85
(Accum Units)	112.70	119.20		4.85
Intl Growth	73.30	77.50		1.12
(Accum Units)	127.63	135.20		1.12
International Inc	95.40	100.90f		4.88
(Accum Units)	143.60	151.90		4.88
Japan & Gen	43.60	46.10		
(Accum Units)	45.70	48.60		
Japan Smll Cos	149.60	158.20		
(Accum Units)	150.70	159.30		
Managed Income	26.30	28.20f		4.00
Midland	60.30	63.80		3.34
(Accum Units)	201.50	213.20		3.34
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MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	79.12	84.08f	- 0.07	1.64
Intl Bond	64.92	68.25	- 0.34	5.54
Intl Equity Growth	69.60	73.98	- 0.15	0.55
N Amer Growth	93.54	99.51f	+ 0.10	1.04
Special Sits Growth	20.76	22.08f	- 0.01	2.02
UK Growth	302.80	321.60f	- 1.10	2.95
(Accum Units)	474.40	504.60	- 1.40	2.95
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.81	£13.05		3.40
Income #	965.00	973.70		4.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.66	139.60		4.31
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	194.50	208.00	- 0.60	2.40
Gilt & Fxd Int	166.30	175.20	- 0.80	6.72
Intl Growth	204.10	217.10		0.38

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
North American	161.50	171.50	- 0.70	0.43
Far East	253.10	270.70	- 0.10	1.37
UK Smaller Cos	165.10	179.80	- 0.10	1.93
European	75.62	80.51	- 0.73	0.39
Japanese Growth	49.50	52.69		0.22
High Income	182.10	194.80	- 0.20	4.33
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 066				
M & S Inc Ptflo	[illegible]	157.00	- 0.06	[illegible]
-do- Accum	171.60	180.70	- 0.06	2.75
UK Sel Ptflo	127.80	134.50		2.54
-do- Accum	149.60	156.40		2.54
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 354 840				
Managed Tst	67.21	71.50	- 0.46	3.89
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4645				
[illegible]	[illegible]	75.93f	- 0.07	4.55
European	80.39	85.98	- 0.30	1.02
Income #	72.09	76.53	- 0.77	5.42
[illegible]	62.69	66.55	- 0.39	0.56
[illegible]	160.70	170.60	- 1.80	
Far East	55.75	59.21f	+ 0.29	
Japan	85.66	91.62	- 2.91	
Emerging Mkts	106.42	112.90f	- 0.20	0.72
Intl Growth	88.64	94.36	- 0.37	1.55
UK Growth	44.49	47.23	- 0.02	1.10
UK Smlr Co	33.65	36.00	- 0.01	0.39
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	407.61	429.37f	- 0.49	4.16
[illegible]	66.74	71.01	+ 0.13	2.91
[illegible]	544.11	566.07f	- 0.24	2.44
[illegible]	198.30	210.90f	- 0.57	0.78
[illegible]	60.69	63.45f		0.86
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	201.50	212.80	- 0.800	
(Accum Units)	215.40	228.50	- 0.600	
[illegible]	90.62	96.02	- 0.47	
(Accum Units)	91.15	97.23	- 0.47	
[illegible]	76.50	81.31f	- 0.36	2.96
(Accum Units)	94.96	100.90f	- 0.40	2.96
Cash	101.10	101.10		5.63
(Accum Units)	138.90	136.90		5.63
Emerging Mkts	92.57	99.54	+ 0.990	0.14
(Accum Units)	92.65	99.62	- 0.990	0.14
European Growth	242.30	256.50	- 1.10	0.18
(Accum Units)	263.20	278.53	- 1.20	0.18
European Income	62.83	67.46	- 0.87	3.28
(Accum Units)	111.60	117.80	1.10	3.28
General	481.40	512.00f	2.00	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 4.00	[illegible]
Global Bond	[illegible]	133.00f	- 1.00	5.20
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	164.00f	- 1.70	5.20
Gold & General	203.50	218.20	- 0.600	0.41
(Accum Units)	208.40	224.60	+ 0.600	0.41
Govt Securities	89.95	92.74	- 0.20	5.91
(Accum Units)	175.10	180.60	- 0.40	5.91
Income	145.90	155.20	0.30	4.57
(Accum Units)	230.30	244.80	- 0.50	4.57
Inc Portfolio	[illegible]	58.77f	- 0.15	5.32
(Accum Units)	95.16	100.90f	- 0.20	5.32
Intl Bond	450.90	480.90	- 0.30	0.18
(Accum Units)	602.10	642.20	- 0.50	0.18
Japan	167.70	177.80	- 2.30	
(Accum Units)	172.20	182.50	- 2.50	
New Europe	170.30	181.70	- 0.50	1.11
(Accum Units)	175.60	187.30	- 0.50	1.11
Pacific	107.20	114.30	+ 0.600	0.89
(Accum Units)	114.70	122.30	- 0.700	0.89
Recovery	280.50	299.50	+ 0.400	0.87
(Accum Units)	358.40	382.30	- 0.600	0.87
UK Smaller Cos	52.14	55.62f	+ 0.020	0.93
(Accum Units)	59.02	62.96f	+ 0.020	0.93
Portfolio	77.30	82.07f	- 0.22	2.81
(Accum Units)	92.35	97.89f	- 0.27	2.81
Managed Gth	93.11	99.62	- 0.20	1.91
Managed Fd	101.20	105.00	- 0.40	4.29
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
[illegible]	112.94	120.15	- 0.56	0.89
Portfolio	64.96	69.00	- 0.14	0.56
UK Income Inc	72.61	77.46f	- 0.12	4.84
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq 0345 456 123 Dlg 0345 456 126				
Balanced	56.43	61.16f	- 0.51	3.40
(Accum Units)	62.52	65.46f	- 0.55	3.40
[illegible]	82.50	86.30	0.62	2.16
(Accum Units)	96.63	101.30	- 0.80	2.16
Extra High Inc	65.75	68.85f	- 0.09	6.59
(Accum Units)	129.50	134.60f	- 0.70	6.59
FT-SE 100 Acc	53.91	56.45	- 0.63	2.68
FT-SE 100 Inc	53.05	55.58	0.03	2.68
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.29	55.48	0.07	7.02
(Accum Units)	156.30	162.70	- 0.20	7.02
High Yield	215.20	225.30	- 0.20	5.71
(Accum Units)	539.10	564.50	- 0.50	5.71
Income	275.60	288.80	- 3.60	3.70
(Accum Units)	608.50	637.10	- 8.0	3.70
Money Market UT	[illegible]	49.64	+ 0.01	5.36
(Accum Units)	72.07	78.07	+ 0.02	5.36
Monthly Income	82.26	90.14f	- 0.08	5.79
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
[illegible]	101.10	107.50	+ 0.10	1.53
European Growth	98.01	105.00	- 0.30	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	85.32	90.63	- 0.10	6.13
Income	82.75	88.03	+ 0.02	2.90

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	62.81	66.96	- 0.41	
Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.62	2.42
Money Market	87.59	92.73	- 0.02	4.33
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1.58	0.56
Midland FSAVC Gen Trust				
British	61.76	[illegible]	- 0.17	1.83
European Growth	53.13	[illegible]	- 1.33	0.21
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.29	[illegible]	0.10	6.09
Income	91.29	96.47	- 0.02	2.97
Japan Growth	62.66	66.82	- 0.42	
Managed	65.24	68.40	- 0.09	2.39
Money Market	50.23	[illegible]	- 0.02	4.29
North American	77.73	82.39	- 1.42	0.29
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	[illegible]	67.51	- 0.11	1.53
European Growth	90.06	95.42	- 0.31	
Gilt & Fixed Int	74.21	78.23	- 0.10	6.26
Income	80.15	85.27	- 0.01	3.03
Japan Growth	53.64	57.07	- 0.43	
Managed	67.98	72.19	- 0.62	2.50
Money Market	75.23	79.73	- 0.02	3.37
North American	86.02	91.18	- 1.53	2.46
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.48	13.17	+ 0.07	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	333.30	352.60	- 1.43	
European Gth Inc	411.10	443.30	- 2.40	0.33
(Accum Units)	415.50	448.10	- 2.40	0.30
Intl Gwth	198.10	200.70	[illegible]	
UK Equity Inc	179.50	191.70f	- 3.10	3.14
UK Ind Trckr Inc	185.70	[illegible]	- 0.25	2.97
(Accum Units)	184.70	197.70	- 0.20	2.97
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	200.19	212.10f	- 0.80	1.22
Japan Tracker	[illegible]	84.02	- 0.56	
Asian Tracker	199.80	205.70f	- 1.80	0.72
Managed Inc	152.10	162.00	- 0.10	1.42
Deposit Inc	99.86	99.86	- 0.01	4.78
Europe	173.30	[illegible]	- 0.50	
[illegible]	150.90	160.60	+ 0.20	2.24
High Income	21.22	22.52f		19.30
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	93.31	95.33f	- 0.24	2.68
Acumen Inc	[illegible]	89.33	- 0.23	1.68
Acumen Reserve	83.60	84.44f	- 0.20	8.69
-do- Inc	70.61	71.31	- 0.42	9.65
American Growth	148.80	153.70	[illegible]	
Cash Income	45.94	[illegible]	- 0.31	5.40
Equity Income #	92.24	94.60f	- 0.27	3.99
European	70.59	[illegible]	- 0.54	0.46
Smaller Cos	75.61	79.86	- 0.01	1.02
[illegible]	63.20	65.06	- 0.12	0.54
Global Bond	43.39	44.47	- 0.17	6.63
UK Growth	91.05	92.96f	- 0.32	1.17
Pacific Growth	100.60	103.50	- 0.22	0.09
Japan Growth	53.56	56.44	- 0.05	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	119.05	125.05	- 0.15	2.84
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.01	[illegible]
UK Income	109.51	[illegible]	- 0.15	[illegible]
Higher Income	205.17	216.27	- 0.15	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	79.19	84.15		0.98
International	92.19	96.14f	- 0.07	1.51
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	100.15	105.60	- 1.06	0.68
European Dist	110.50	116.93	- 0.79	
Far East Dist	175.70	187.60		
Global Care Dist	57.55	61.84	- 0.06	1.07
[illegible]				
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 388				
Europe Inc	61.84	65.71	- 0.14	0.43
Fund of Funds Inc	57.06	60.73	- 0.10	0.86
North America Inc	47.79	[illegible]	- 0.02	0.52
UK Equity Gth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	0.03	2.07
(Accum Units)	59.28	62.56	- 0.21	2.07
UK General Inc	55.60	[illegible]	- 0.01	3.55
UK Gilt Fxd Int Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.15	7.39
UK Income Inc	55.70	[illegible]	- 0.09	3.96
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Bond	117.01	124.16	- 0.50	5.99
Bridge Fund	62.82	[illegible]		
[illegible]	90.18	95.94f	- 0.07	
Foundation	89.95	96.29f	- 0.06	3.72
General	177.05	189.39	- 0.15	2.75
Global	308.79	328.71	- 1.25	0.43
Growth	120.08	127.75f	- 1.79	2.60
Higher Income Inc	26.19	27.92f	- 0.04	4.44
Income	220.33	234.90f	- 0.11	3.79
Intrepid	113.27	118.10		2.45
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	34.92	37.34	- 0.15	6.26
Cash Income	50.92	50.92	- 0.07	5.59
European Gwth	38.85	41.41	[illegible]	0.21
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	[illegible]			
NORWICH UNION UNIT TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
[illegible]				
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
[illegible]				
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
[illegible]				
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
[illegible]				
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927				
[illegible]				
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD [illegible]				
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
[illegible]				
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01730 740 709				
[illegible]				
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	107.05	112.90	- 0.10	1.09
(Accum Units)	115.60	[illegible]	- 0.20	1.09
Technology	383.70	408.20	- 12.50	
UK Blue Chip	68.37	72.69	- 0.14	
(Accum Units)	77.42	81.20	- 0.14	
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 2953				
[illegible]	175.20	186.50	- 0.10	1.76
European Sh	96.74	102.10f	- 0.50	0.43
Income & Gth #	132.40	141.52	- 0.20	3.66
Japan Gth	117.90	125.30f	- 1.0	
Nth Amer Gth	124.30	132.20f	- 0.50	0.19
Overseas Gth	90.07	95.62f	- 0.15	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4450				
Managed Tst	26.69	28.02f	- 0.40	1.86
Cash Haven Inc	101.56	102.06	- 0.01	4.87
Cash Haven Acc	112.16	112.72	+ 0.02	4.87
Dist Trust Inc	93.03	97.44f	0.08	6.29
Dist Trust Acc	98.56	102.12f	- 0.90	6.30
Global Growth	87.50	93.40	- 0.75	0.72
Equity Inc	[illegible]	84.42	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equity	708.40	745.90f	- 0.49	[illegible]
European	211.29	218.85	- 0.54	0.97
High Income	86.65	91.29f	- 0.73	[illegible]
Intl Grth	160.98	164.53	- 0.62	0.92
Intl Sm Co	75.40	80.21f	- 0.56	[illegible]
Japanese	216.52	224.37f	- 1.07	
Nth Amer	167.75	179.13	- 0.37	1.52
Pacific Mkts	[illegible]	163.62	- 0.24	0.61
Premier Inc	46.56	46.45f	- 0.12	6.82
Sm Cos	85.31	90.75	- 0.11	1.56
Spec Sits	106.52	112.32	- 0.06	2.49
UK Growth	119.62	127.25	- 0.07	2.38
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	292.70	311.20f	- 1.40	3.26
For Inv Asset see Northern Rock				
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	513.10	545.60	- 1.54	0.68
FA America (Acc)	599.60	635.19	- 1.79	0.68
FA UK Equity Inc	155.64	165.39	- 0.51	[illegible]
FA Japan	261.76	278.43	- 2.06	
FA Major UK Cos	[illegible]	102.41	- 1.40	2.48
FA Smllr UK Cos	291.90	307.12f	- 0.06	1.38
FA European	312.14	331.67	1.84	0.62
FA Amer Smllr Cos	44.90	48.16	- 0.07	5.20
FA Asia	45.38	48.80	- 0.38	0.20
FA Jap Smlr Cos	42.46	45.39	- 0.70	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	95.85	100.88	- 0.41	
UK Smlr Cos	91.50	96.78	- 0.01	
UK Income	94.14	99.09	- 0.30	
America	[illegible]	108.52	- 0.31	
Japanese	57.60	60.62	- 0.46	
European	100.29	105.56	- 0.59	
Gilt	87.59	92.24	- 0.35	
Deposit	94.26	[illegible]	- 0.01	
Managed	97.81	102.95	[illegible]	
RAM PSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	93.70	98.20	- 0.39	
UK Smaller Cos	79.50	[illegible]	- 0.02	
UK Income	91.92	96.64	- 0.31	
America	100.32	105.53	[illegible]	
Japanese	56.06	59.00	0.44	
European	97.66	[illegible]	- 0.57	
Gilt	[illegible]			
Deposit	50.31	[illegible]		
Managed	[illegible]			
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 01733 262 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
[illegible]				
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	143.00	151.20		0.45
European Growth	111.90	117.30		1.16
Far East Growth	121.90	129.70		0.77
Japan Growth	139.20	147.90f		
Special Sits	189.40	201.40f		[illegible]
UK Growth	75.75	80.56		[illegible]
Trustee General	237.40	248.30f		[illegible]
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	153.50	163.56	+ 1.10	0.53
[illegible]	222.70	236.50	0.90	0.44
(Accum Units)	502.20	532.50	- 1.10	0.44
Growth Inc	125.90	132.90	[illegible]	0.63
(Accum Units)	129.60	135.40	- 0.10	0.63
International Inc	320.40	341.20	- 0.30	0.44
(Accum Units)	342.20	367.90	- 0.30	0.44
Nth Am & Intl Inc	310.40	328.90	- 0.80	0.75
UK Gen Prog Inc	276.80	295.40	- 0.40	0.09
UK High Inc Inc	128.70	135.20	- 0.20	3.85
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
[illegible]				
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
[illegible]				
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]				
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]				
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
[illegible]				
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
[illegible]				
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
[illegible]				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	195.90	208.60	- 0.60	0.75
Wwide Income Inc	77.55	82.85f	[illegible]	1.90
SCOTTISH WIDOWS FUND MGMT [illegible]				
[illegible]				
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Semper Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.10	4.54
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	125.55	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nth American	102.60	103.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]				
UK General	127.80	134.50	0.40	[illegible]
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6225				
[illegible]				
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
[illegible]				
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
[illegible]				
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
[illegible]				
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]				
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
[illegible]				
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD [illegible]				
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SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]				
TSB UNIT TRUSTS [illegible]				
[illegible]				
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED [illegible]				
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]				
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD [illegible]				
[illegible]				
UNITED FRIENDLY UNIT TST MGMT LTD [illegible]				
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Excellence rewarded

Rodney Hobson assesses the winners and the numbers of entrants in the three categories

The Artful Dodger (Adam Searles) imparting his knowledge on a business tip or two in the Cameron Mackintosh Limited production of *Oliver!* at the London Palladium. The production company, formed in 1980, wins an export achievement award for its overseas earnings, which come from licensing arrangements for more than 40 musical productions worldwide, including *Les Misérables, Five Guys Named Moe, Miss Saigon, Cats, The Phantom of the Opera* and *Oliver!*

The Queen's Awards for Export Achievement have been won by a record 140 companies, beating the record last year of 139, held since the awards started in 1966. The numbers of exporters seeking recognition continues to grow: 1,315 companies applied for this year's honour, the fourth consecutive rise.

However, the winners' lists in the technology section fell from a peak of 49 awards in 1990 to 17 this year, down to a level last seen in 1981. Applications were received from 253 companies, the lowest level since 1984.

The number of successful applications in the environment category, introduced in 1993, has halved from 12 to six over the two years. A fall was expected, since a number of companies had been queueing to apply before the award was introduced. Thanks to the surge in export winners, the total number of awards fell by only two from last year's record 165.

The environment category could be promoted in the advertising campaign that the awards office mounts in summer, as could the services sector, which still accounts for only 19 per cent of applications, despite its importance to the economy.

Though many of the traditional manufacturing industries that dominated the early awards no longer do, those in the sector clearly feel that the Queen's Awards carry as much prestige as ever. Winners are entitled to display the crown and cogwheels logo for five years.

Standards will not be dropped to increase the number of winners. The awards office recognises that numbers of applicants and winners will fluctuate from year to year. No company has yet managed to win in all three categories in the same year, but ICI has achieved the distinction of gaining the environment and export awards, and two divisions of Motorola, the American cellular telephone supplier, have each won export awards.

The list is not dominated by industrial giants such as ICI. More than half the winners have fewer than 200 employees, and 38 awards went to businesses with fewer than 50. The smallest successful applicant was EuroTalk, an electronic publisher with only six employees, which was founded in 1990. It won the export award for a range of educational CDs, mostly for teaching English, that entertain was well as instruct. Their biggest markets are in Japan, France, Germany and Italy.

Underwater Excavation, which provides services for the oil industry, from its base in Aberdeen, is the smallest winner of a technology award. Its staff totals just eight. Pan Liner Agencies, a shipping and forwarding agency at Solihull, West Midlands, can thank its ten employees for an export award. It provides a door-to-door delivery service, invoicing and complete documentation. Its main markets are in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Australia.

Two small companies can boast a coals to Newcastle sales story. Farr Vintners, with a staff of 12, imports fine and rare wines, mainly from France and re-exports them — France is a major customer. Cyclists in Holland ride on folding cycles manufactured by Brompton Bicycle in London, which employs 14 people. Demand from Holland and seven other European countries was so great that Brompton considered importing from Taiwan, but decided it was as cheap to make them here.

Winners are spread throughout the UK. London dominates the export awards with a score of 31 but has only one technology winner and draws a blank in the environment category.

The South East has 23 awards, the South West 16 and the North West, including Merseyside, has 11. Scotland has 16 awards, Wales six and Northern Ireland two.

Ove Arup & Partners believes it is the first consulting engineering company to win the export award for two years in a row. It also won in 1969 and 1984. Focusing on the market in power, railways and airports in East and South-East Asia, its overseas earnings have increased fivefold over the past six years to reach £80 million out of total turnover of £160 million.

Crosrol, the Halifax textile machinery company, has gained its sixth export award. It also is a previous technology winner. Ethicon of Edinburgh, a specialist in the medical field, has also picked up its sixth export award. Both are among the 27 per cent of winners that are foreign owned.

How a landscape was spared in the face of drilling

The oil flows and the beauty shows

An area of outstanding natural beauty was spared the ignominy of a 30-acre oil drilling site thanks to the record-breaking efforts of BP Exploration. The 95 sq km oilfield at Wytch Farm, Dorset, which extends under Poole Harbour, has been tapped entirely from a four-acre onshore site, *Rodney Hobson writes*. The effort has made BP one of the six winners of the Queen's Award for Environmental Achievement. Two of the winners share a joint award.

Wytch Farm was a significant find in world terms. It comprises two main reservoirs, the Bridport at 924m deep with estimated recoverable reserves of 30 million barrels, and the Sherwood, nearly 1,600m down and extending eastwards out to sea, with 270 million barrels. BP, which owns 50 per cent of the field, is its operator.

Conventional drilling would have meant constructing an artificial island topped with drilling rigs. There was an alternative: extended-reach drilling, which effectively means drilling out to the site horizontally.

The Wytch Farm offshore reserves were unsuitable for extended reach drilling. The reserves were too shallow and too far offshore.

Jon Pack, Wytch Farm's government and public affairs manager, says: "The deeper the reservoir, the easier it is to get at. The maximum distance anyone had previously reached was 4½km and we needed to get to at least 5½km. We really wanted to drill to 6km so that we could extract as much oil as we could by building the island."

BP considered both options but the environment won. A new world record was set when 6.8km was achieved by extended reach drilling. The field is now yielding 95,000 barrels a day, the equivalent of 3.5 million gallons. It is also producing 12 million cu ft of gas and 600 tonnes of LPG every day.

Mr Pack says: "It was a double gain because we halved our capital expenditure to £90 million, reduced our operating costs and brought the field on stream three years early."

Drinkers of Johnnie Walker and Bell's Scotch whisky will find their load at the off-licence a little lighter thanks to the co-operation between United Distillers Operations at Edinburgh and Hertfordshire-based United Glass. Between them they have found a method of making thinner bottles.

The thickness of glass could not safely be reduced without technology that ensured equal thickness throughout the bottles. Otherwise the bottles might break at their weak spots.

Redesigning existing bottle-making and moulding equipment has done the trick. There have also had to be changes to the production line at the distillery. The bottles for United Distillers are being made at Alloa.

Bob Coakley, United Glass's managing director, says: "The glass-packaging industry is at the front line of the environmental debate. We have made an investment of almost £10 million in the development and production of lightweight spirits containers."

The new bottles contain 20 per cent less glass and use 22 per cent less energy. More bottles can be carried on each lorryload.

Nearly two-thirds of the world's crash repair centres have access to water-based paint from ICI Autocolor. Though the technology was available in motor manufacturing, it is still new to car repairs because waterborne paints have not previously been applied in all climatic conditions.

The Aquabase paint reduces solvent emission by 85 per cent compared with solvent-based paint. Crash repair centres in Europe alone emit almost 100,000 tons of organic solvents into the atmosphere every year.

Devon Valley Industries at Hele, Exeter, gains the environment award for the replacement of heavy metal pigments with safe organic alternatives in the manufacturing of decorative laminate paper. Environmental benefits include the elimination of the contamination of landfill sites and rivers.

Vortoil Separation Systems of Gloucester has found an improved method of processing oily water that reduces the oil content to fewer than 40 parts a million in less than two seconds.

THE following companies and organisations have been granted The Queen's Award for Environmental Achievement 1995:

BP Exploration Operating Company Ltd, Poole, Dorset: Onshore development of Wytch Farm oilfield.

Devon Valley Industries, Exeter, Devon: Replacement of heavy metal pigments by non-hazardous alternatives in the manufacture of decorative laminate papers.

ICI Autocolor, Slough, Berkshire: Development of Aquabase, a waterborne base for car-repair painting.

United Distillers Operations, Edinburgh: Joint award with United Glass Limited for the development of a lightweight bottle for use in the spirits sector of the drinks market.

United Glass Limited, St Albans, Hertfordshire: Joint award with United Distillers Operations. See above.

Vortoil Separation Systems Limited, Gloucester: Development of a liquid/liquid hydrocyclone for processing oily water.

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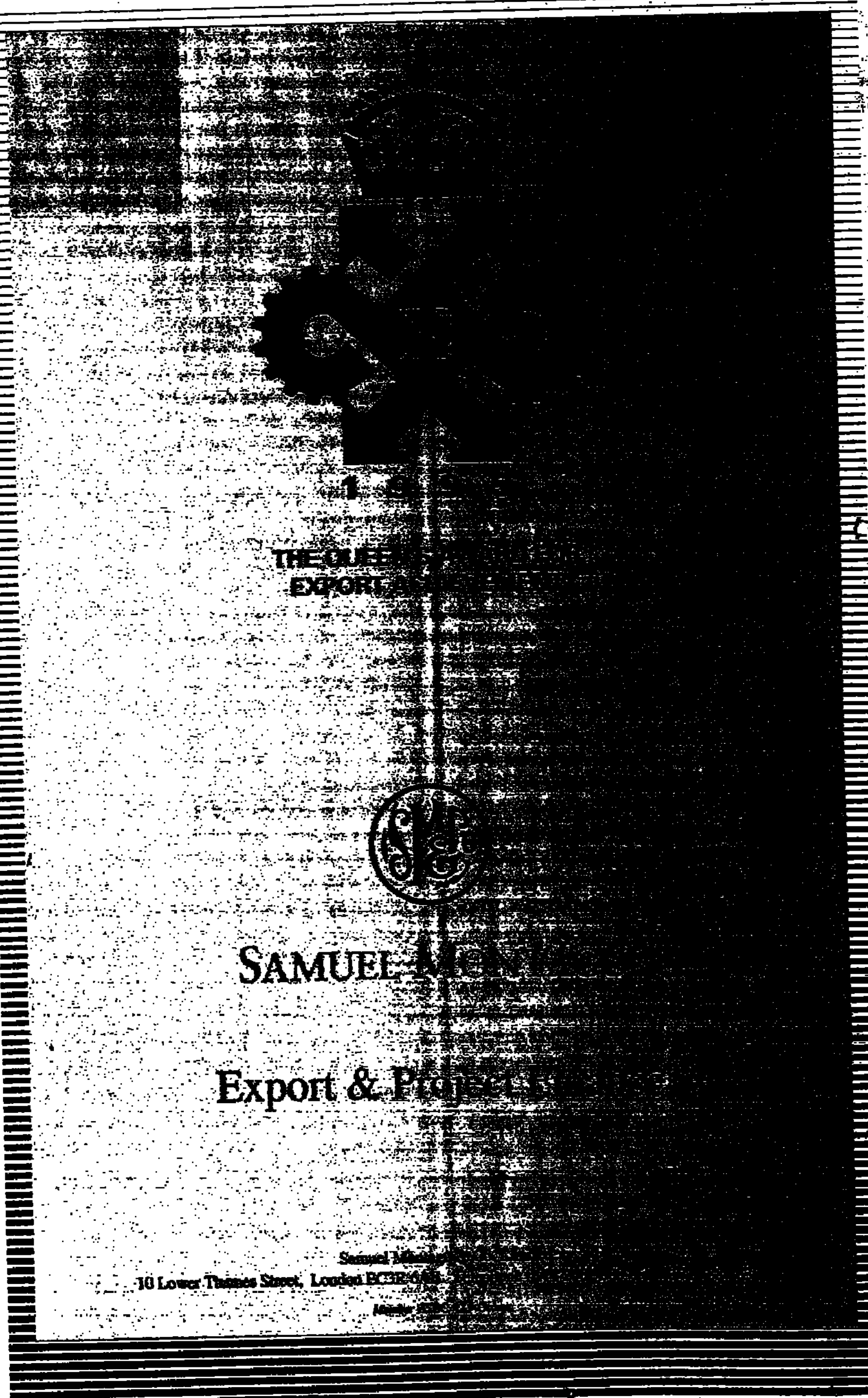

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THE following companies and organisations have been granted The Queen's Award for Export Achievement 1995:

Rotherham and Bradford Branch of A E S Engineering Limited, Rotherham, South Yorkshire: Mechanical seals.

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AT & T Global Information Solutions (Scotland) Ltd, Kingsway West, Dundee: Automated teller machines and other self-service terminals.

Allen and Heath Limited, Penryn, Cornwall: Audio mixing consoles for broadcast and recording studios.

Ano-Coil Limited, Kingston, Milton Keynes: Pre-anodised aluminium for the electrical, building, general manufacturing and medical industries.

Apollo Fire Detectors Limited, Havant, Hampshire: Specialist detection equipment for professional fire alarm systems.

Armabord Limited, Burnley, Lancashire: Melamine edging material for the furniture and building trades.

Ove Arup Partnership, Fitzroy Street, London: Consulting engineers.

Aviall Limited t/a Aviall Caledonian Engine Services, Prestwick, Ayrshire: Repair and overhaul of gas turbine aero engines.

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Balfour Beatty Construction International Limited, Thornton Heath, Surrey: Engineering construction.

J Barbour & Sons Ltd, South Shields, Tyne and Wear: Oiled cotton clothing.

Biological Crop Protection Ltd, Ashford, Kent: Beneficial insects.

Microscopy Division of Bio-Rad Microscience Limited, Hemel Hempstead: Confocal laser scanning microscopes and accessories.

Boss Industrial Mouldings Limited, Mildenhall, Suffolk: Oven lights, plastic enclosures and indicator lights.

British Aerospace Defence Limited Military Aircraft Division, Preston, Lancashire: Military aircraft and equipment.

Brompton Bicycle Ltd, London W4: Folding bicycles.

Caledonian Paper plc, Irvine, Ayrshire: Light weight coated paper for magazines, catalogues and brochures.

Carron Bathrooms Limited, Falkirk, Stirlingshire: Acrylic baths, shower trays and sinks.

Carron Phoenix Limited, Stenhouse Road, Falkirk: Synthetic and stainless steel sink tops.

Cash Bases GB Ltd, Newhaven, East Sussex: Steel cash drawers.

Caterpillar (UK) Ltd, Desford, Leicester: construction equipment.

Chase Research PLC, Basingstoke, Hampshire: Computer connectivity products.

Chilprufe Limited. Underwear and ladies nightwear.

The Chivas and Glenlivet Group, Paisley: Scotch whisky, gin and rum.

Jane Churchill Ltd, London: Soft furnishings and wallpapers.

Toby Churchill Limited: Cambridge: communication aids for people with speech disabilities.

Ciba Grimsby, Grimsby, South Humberside: Speciality chemicals for the pharmaceutical, crop protection and animal health industries.

Cincinnati Milacron UK Limited, Machine Tool Division, Birmingham: Computer numerically controlled (CNC) vertical and horizontal machining centres.

Claremont Fabrics, Glossop, Derbyshire: Drapery and upholstery fabrics.

COBE Laboratories Manufacturing. A Division of COBE Laboratories Ltd, Quedgeley, Gloucester: Medical disposables to support cardiovascular surgery and blood component technology.

Cookson Entek Limited, Killingworth, Newcastle upon Tyne: Polyethylene materials used in car batteries.

Copeland & Jenkins Limited, Wellingborough, Northants: Micro disk components and leadframes.

Cray Systems Space Division, Templeback, Bristol: Software services to the European Space Industry.

Crosrol Ltd, Halifax, West Yorkshire: Cotton textile industry, carding technology.

Crowson Fabrics Ltd, Uckfield, East Sussex: Furnishing fabrics, wallpapers and home furnishings.

Cummins Engine Company Limited — Daventry, Daventry, Northants: Diesel engines.

Densitron Microwave Ltd, Southend, Essex: Radio frequency and microwave components and systems.

Dents Manufacturing, Warminster, Wiltshire: Leather and knitted dress and sports gloves.

Derwent Information Ltd, London: Patent and scientific information publishing.

Desurvey plc, Birkenhead, Merseyside: High-tech engineering design services.

Devro Limited, Moodiesburn, Glasgow: Edible collagen sausage casings and films.

Diamond Power Specialty Limited, Dumbarton, Scotland: Cleaning systems for boilers and heat exchangers.

Donyand Ltd t/a Gulliver's Travel Agency, London: Tour operator.

A C Egerton Limited, Orpington, Kent: External telecommunications line equipment.

Electrolux (Floor Care Division), A Division of Emaco Limited, Luton, Bedfordshire: Vacuum cleaners.

EMI Music Publishing — United Kingdom, London: Music publisher.

Ethicon Limited, Edinburgh: Surgical sutures and specialist wound repair products.

Euro Iseki Limited, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire: Small diameter remote control tunnelling systes.

EuroTalk Ltd, Fulham, London: Electronic publisher.

Farr Vintners Ltd, Pimlico, London: Re-export of imported fine and rare wines.

W Fein and Sons Ltd, Bradford, West Yorkshire: Speciality textile fibres.

Filofax Group plc, London: Personal organisers.

Financial Engineering Ltd, London: Magazines, books and directories: conference organisation.

Financial Times Group Limited, London: Newspaper publishing and associated activities.

Fireater Limited, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk: Fire fighting and fixed fire systems.

Sir Norman Foster and Partners Limited, London. Architectural practice with projects ranging from city regeneration masterplans to individual buildings.

Foster Wheeler Energy Limited, Reading, Berkshire: Engineering contractor with a range of environmental services.

Franklin Hodge Industries Ltd, Hereford: Liquid storage tanks made of aluminium, galvanised or glass coated mild steel.

The International Division of Freemans PLC, London: Women's, men's and children's clothing and shoes.

Peter Geeson Limited, Long Eaton, Nottingham: Fully-fashioned men's and ladies' knitwear.

Glaxo plc, London: Pharmaceuticals.

The Bakery Division of Golden West Foods Limited, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire: Fresh and frozen buns for European markets.

Gossard, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire: Ladies' foundation garments and lingerie.

John Guest Limited, West Drayton, Middlesex: Plastic "push in" tube fittings for industry, domestic plumbing and automobiles.

EC Harris International Ltd, London: Quantity surveying and project management.

Haven Country Classics, Horncastle, Lincolnshire: Sports and equestrian clothing.

JM Heaford Limited, Altrincham, Cheshire: Special purpose equipment for the engraving and converting industries.

James H Heal and Company Limited, Halifax, West Yorkshire: Quality control equipment for the textile industry.

Heraeus Noblelight Ltd, Cambridge: Quartz laser flashlamps and quartz ultra-violet lamps.

Hewlett-Packard Ltd, Bracknell, Berkshire: Electronic products and systems for measurement, computation and communications.

Horton Kirby Paper Mills Limited, Dartford, Kent: Wood chip wallpaper.

Domnick Hunter Limited, Birtley, Co Durham: High efficiency filters and driers for compressed air, gases and liquid.

ICI "Saffil" Business, Widnes, Cheshire: Alumina fibre, principally for filtration in automotive safety airbags, reinforcement of engine components and thermal insulation.

IOP Publishing Ltd, Bristol: Journals, reference books and newsletters on physics and related subjects.

The Information & Technology Publishing Co Ltd, Hitchin, Herts: Advertising and market research.

International Combustion Limited, Derby: Power station boilers and ancillary equipment.

Interopa Holidays Limited, London: Tour operator.

K Shoes, Kendal, Cumbria: Shoes and sandals.

King's College London, University of London, London: Teaching, research and consultancy.

Kodak Limited, Hemel Hempstead, Herts: Photographic film, papers and chemicals.

Lambie-Nairn & Company Ltd, London: Creation of on and off screen brand identities for television channels.

Lightning Export Limited, Enfield, Middlesex: Audio and visual pre-recorded products — LP records, audio cassettes, CDs and videos.

Lloyd Loom Furniture Limited, Spalding Lincolnshire: Woven furniture for domestic, commercial and leisure use.

Lloyd's Register of Shipping, London: Setting and maintaining standards for sea going vessels and fixed and mobile offshore structures.

Longwall AFC Limited, Worcester: Armoured flexible conveyors and associated equipment for underground "longwall" mining systems.

Loughborough Sound Images plc. Electronic sub-assemblies for computers.

Lyson Limited, Stockport, Cheshire: Inks for ink jet printers and jet adhesives for the printing industry.

Mackie International Limited, Belfast, Northern Ireland: Textile machinery for processing natural fibres such as flax, jute, sisal and wool.

Cameron Mackintosh Limited, London: Theatre productions including *Les Miserables*, *Five Guys Named Moe*, *Miss Saigon*, *Oliver!*, *Cats* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Marks & Spencer plc, London: Retail store produce.

Masons Overseas Ltd, Acton, London: Generating sets and switchgear.

Masterfil Limited, Aylesbury, Bucks: Bottling and capping machinery.

Meltog Ltd, Birstall, West Yorkshire: Machinery for can making, paper conversion and production of filter cores.

The Mezzanine Floor Company Ltd, Tonbridge, Kent: Steel mezzanine floors for use in industrial and commercial areas.

Midland Cosmetic Sales plc, Nechells, Birmingham: Budget-priced perfumes, toiletries and gift sets.

Samuel Montagu & Co Limited, Export & Project Finance Department, London: Provision of medium and long-term finance.

Motorola Ltd, European Cellular Infrastructure Division (ECID), Swindon, Wiltshire: Computer-based cellular radio telephone communicationsystems, infrastructure and ancillary equipment.

Motorola Limited, European Cellular Subscriber Division, West Lothian: Cellular telephones.

Munradtech Industrial Generators Limited, Loughborough, Leicestershire: Diesel-engined generating sets.

New Holland Ford Limited, Basildon, Essex: Tractor manufacturing arm of Ford and Fiat.

The North of England Protecting and Indemnity Association Limited, Newcastle upon Tyne: Marine insurance.

Optical Fibres, Deeside, Clwyd: Optical fibres used for communication purposes.

Pan Liner Agencies Limited, Solihull, West Midlands: International shipping and forwarding agent.

Parallax Software Limited, London: Computer graphics software for motion picture films and TV special effects.

Pilkington Architectural Division, Pilkington Glass Products Limited, St Helens, Merseyside: Planar structural glazing systems and high tolerance glasses for the acrylic industry.

Pitney Bowes Limited, Harlow, Essex: Postal franking machines and other business equipment.

Polaroid (UK) Limited, Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire: Photographic films, cameras, instant professional items and sunglass lenses.

Precision Disc Castings Limited, Poole, Dorset: Unmachined brake discs for the automotive industry.

Psion plc, London: Portable computers.

RBR Armour Limited, London: Body armour, combat helmets and ancillary equipment.

RSR Limited, Pentwyn, Cardiff: Medical diagnostics for the diagnosis and management of auto-immune diseases.

Rotary (International) Limited, Mallusk, Co Antrim, Northern Ireland: Electrical, heating, ventilation, pipe-work, sanitary and fire protection systems.

Sandon Flexographic Printing Rollers Ltd, Runcorn, Cheshire: Printing rollers.

R P Scherer Limited, Swindon, Wiltshire: Gelatin capsules.

SEOS Displays Limited, Burgess Hill, West Sussex: Visual display systems for research and training simulators.

Severn-Lamb Ltd, Alcester, Warwickshire: Steam locomotives, funicular railways and monorails for the leisure industry and models for industry and museums.

Shield Diagnostics Ltd, Dundee: In Vitro medical diagnostic kits for auto-immune infectious diseases, microbiology and cardiovascular diseases.

Slingsby Aviation Limited, Kirkbymoorside, York: The Firefly, a fixed wing, two seater, military training aircraft.

Paul Smith Limited, Nottingham: Men's and boys' clothing.

Smith & Nephew Medical Ltd, Hull: Wound management, casting and support bandaging business.

Sony Manufacturing Company UK, Pencoed, Mid-Glamorgan: Colour televisions, graphic display monitors and associated components.

Specialist Refractory Services Limited, Riddings, Derbyshire: Refractory mould materials for precision casting of aluminium and jewellery.

Spectrum Technology Ltd, Bridgend, Mid-Glamorgan: Laser cable-marking systems for the aerospace industries.

Strix Ltd, Ronaldsway, Isle of Man: Controls for domestic appliances, mainly for electric kettles and jugs.

Synpac Chemicals Limited, Bedlington, Northumberland: Bulk non-sterile penicillin base.

Tadmod Limited, Maldon, Essex: plug top power supplies and charges used by electrical firms.

Tradermade International Limited, Bromley, Kent: Technical analysis, market commentaries and quotation services covering international foreign exchange and financial futures markets.

TRAK Microwave Limited, Dundee: Ferrite microwave components and subsystems for the telecommunications, aerospace, industrial and medical electronics industries.

Trimat Ltd, Brierley Hill, West Midlands: Heavy duty woven brake linings for industrial and marine equipment.

Trinity College London, London: Examining body conducting graded examinations and diplomas in music, English language and speech subjects.

Edwin Trisk Systems Limited, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear: Infra-red paint curing equipment.

UES Bright Bar Limited, Tipton, West Midlands: Bright drawn and turned steel bars.

Ultra Hydraulics Limited, Mobile Products Division, Cheltenham, Glos: Hydraulic pumps and associated valves for grass cutters, forklift trucks, excavators and other construction equipment.

Vita Fibres Limited, Alpha Flock Division, Kenfig, Nr Port Talbot, West Glamorgan: Flock fibre, made from nylon, polyester or viscose.

Walker Filtration Ltd, Washington, Tyne and Wear: Medical and industrial filtration equipment.

Westwind Air Bearings Ltd, Poole, Dorset: Air bearing spindles and ancillary equipment for precision engineering.

The Wrigley Company Ltd, Plymouth, Devon: Chewing gum manufacturer.

Yuasa Battery (UK) Ltd, Ebbw Vale, Gwent: Sealed lead-acid rechargeable batteries.

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Mr Ritchie's ride to success

Michael Hatfield reports on transports of delight

Andrew Ritchie, busy trying to earn his living from landscaping and selling plants, did not so much "get on his bike" as make one. Working in his bedroom, which overlooks Brompton Oratory in Knightsbridge — hence the name Brompton Bicycle Ltd, which today receives a Queen's Award for Export Achievement — he designed a folding bicycle, then found he was freewheeling to nowhere: nobody would offer him venture capital to start manufacturing the design.

Undaunted, he pressed on and in 1980 he persuaded 30 of his friends to buy a bicycle and pay in advance, their agreement winning a share in his company if it took off. By 1982, he had made 500 bicycles. But, frustrated by the lack of an interested backer, the pilot production stopped in 1982.

In 1986, along came Julian Vereker, a Brompton customer, who joined the company. Money was raised from friends and family and the road to today's success became less bumpy, although it was not until two years later that Brompton was able to ride out of the red.

Today, the lightweight Brompton Bicycle, which can be folded in about 20 seconds for carrying almost anywhere, is pedalled in Europe, North America and the Far East. Exports account for two-thirds of production. In 1992, the company set up a manufacturing licence agreement with a Taiwanese company for the Asian and Pacific market.

Mr Vereker, full of praise for Mr Ritchie's engineering skills and persistence, says: "The award recognises our excellent export record, which is based on making a quality product, extensive research and development and sales effort. Cycling is growing in popularity throughout the developed world as people look for an environmentally friendly alternative to the motor car. The Brompton is suited to the needs of today's busy commuters and leisure cyclists."

Another upwardly mobile company is Severn-Lamb Limited, based at Stratford-upon-Avon. The company, which manufactures steam locomotives, funicular railways and monorails for the leisure industry and models for industry and museums, is on the right track. It wins its Queen's Award for Export Achievement by doubling its trade over the past three years in the Far East, the Middle East, Western Europe and North and South America. Its most important markets are in Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Taiwan. Severn-Lamb sold more than £4 million of its goods last year.

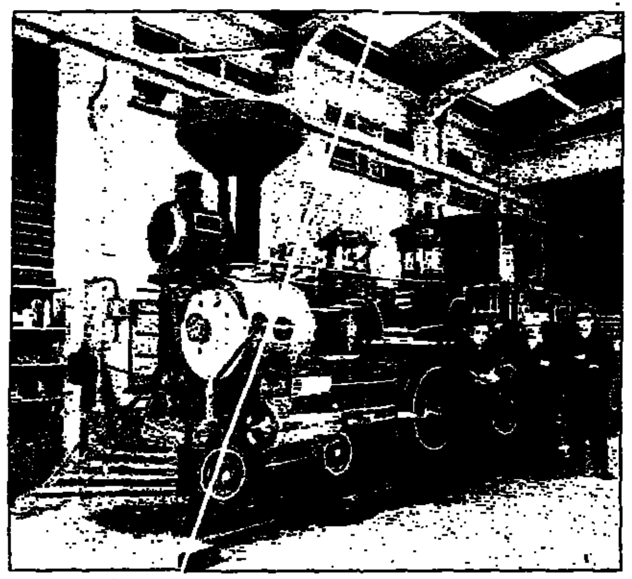
Michael Severn-Lamb, the chairman and chief executive, says it is in export markets where the company sees a future for its loyal staff of 60, who travelled more than a million miles in total last year in pursuit of new business and handling the installation of completed projects.

Originally, Servern-Lamb built its reputation on minutely accurate scale models of machinery, such as aero engines. But in 1988, after the success of miniature railways that the company installed at garden festivals in Stoke-on-Trent and Glasgow, Michael Severn-Lamb, son of the business's founder, decided the path to future success lay in developing the concept of "caricature" versions of famous old railroad trains to meet the needs of a growing worldwide leisure industry.

An award for technological achievement has gone to the Gloucester-based company Messier-Dowty Ltd for its landing gear structure for the Airbus A330/340 aircraft. The structure incorporates a special articulating four-wheel rigid bogie.

Messier-Dowty had produced landing gear for more than 60 years and they are in service on more then 14,000 aircraft making more than 20,000 landings a day. The exceptional size and complexity of the A330/340 landing gear made the commission a huge challenge for the company. In meeting the technical requirements, the company made the world's biggest landing gear for a commercial aircraft at present in revenue-earning service.

Geoff Smith, the managing director of Messier-Dowty, says: "This landing gear design embodied many unique features. The Queen's Award is especially fitting."


One of Severn-Lamb's popular steam locomotives

A demonstration of Novamedix's A-V Impulse System

Steps to health

A lifesaving pad under the foot helps to supply blood to the heart

The number of people who die from blood clots in Britain every year is the equivalent of a fully loaded jumbo jet going down every week, *Michael Hatfield writes*. The sobering fact that more than 27,000 will die because of pulmonary embolism was disclosed recently at a conference in London.

One cause of blood clots is the side-effects of orthopaedic joint replacement and trauma such as hip fractures. Preventive measures are necessary.

One such measure is being marketed by Novamedix Limited, an Andover medical equipment company that features in the awards for technological achievement for its development and commercialisation of blood circulation enhancement equipment.

The equipment is based on the important discovery in 1983 by Dr Roger Fox, a radiologist, of how blood returns to the heart from the legs. His researches showed that the veins in the sole of the foot act as a powerful natural blood pump. When weight-bearing, during walking, those veins are stretched and compressed as the arch of the foot flattens. Blood is pushed out of the foot and back up the veins of the leg to the heart.

Novamedix, realising that many circulation problems, including thrombosis, result from poor circulation, developed an inflatable pad located under the arch of the foot inside a special slipper, which fills rapidly with air from a small bedside controller. The rapid inflation stimulates the effects of natural weight-bearing, emptying the veins of the foot and producing a pulse of blood up the leg to the heart.

Novamedix's A-V Impulse System has been highly successful. Studies have shown that not only does it reduce the risk of blood clots, it rapidly reduces pain and swelling after trauma and surgery.

Novamedix has grown rapidly over the past few years, almost doubling turnover since 1992 as acceptance of the A-V Impulse System has grown. The techique is highly cost-effective and many thousands of the systems are now in use around the world.

Smith and Nephew Medical, based at Hull, has, over the past four years, targeted healthcare markets, including those in Japan, America and Germany, leading to a growth of 57 per cent sales in two years, and today the announcement of its Queen's Award for Export Achievement. In the same two-year period, overall export sales have grown by 63 per cent to £43 million, accounting for 70 per cent of the division's sales.

Smith and Nephew produces a broad range of wound management, casting and support products, and the market value of its sales stands at £200 million. Exports from the Hull site go to 120 countries. The Queen's Award comes only seven months after the company announced an investment of £41.3 million at its Hull site.

Chris O'Donnell, the ground director, medical products, says the award "stands as an acknowledgement of the underlying excellence of our product range".

When Toby Churchill suffered speech disabilities in 1968 and failed to find a device with which he could communicate, he set about designing his own communication aid, using crude materials and the only technology then available.

Today his Cambridge-based company celebrates a Queen's Award for Export Achievement. Having designed his first Lightwriter and meeting other people with similar needs, Mr Churchill realised there was a big demand for his machine and started to manufacture them in 1973 with the assistance of friends at Cambridge University.

Mr Churchill says: "Current technology has allowed us to design communicators which are extremely small and very powerful." Until 1990, the company could accommodate only the English-speaking markets. Now, however, new developments allow his communication devices to interface with foreign-language synthesizers.

How showbusiness makes Britain great

Staying on song

There's no business like showbusiness, especially if it involves exports. Not only can it bring about showbiz accolades but it can earn a Queen's Award for Export Achievement — precisely what has happened this year to Cameron Mackintosh Limited and EMI Music Publishing-United Kingdom, *Michael Hatfield writes*.

Cameron Mackintosh, based at Number 1 (where else?) Bedford Square, London, formed his production company in 1980. Overseas earnings come from licensing arrangements for more than 40 musical productions worldwide, including *Five Guys Named Moe*, *Miss Saigon*, *Oliver!* and *The Phantom of the Opera*.

What has made the company so successful overseas is, as Malcolm McCullum, the managing director, says, is regular quality checks on productions so they match the original West End shows for dramatic and musical performance, choreography, design, sound and lighting. The checks are carried out by creative staff based in London, New York and Sydney and top personnel such as Mr Mackintosh clocking up Air Miles as fast as their shows pull in theatregoers.

Mr McCullum says: "Ever since Cameron started the company, there has been a passion to get performances right. It is about motivating people to to fulfil an ideal."

EMI's award is for its strong growth in export earnings over a three-year period. Since 1991, EMI Music Publishing, the world's biggest music publisher, has shown exports growth of 74 per cent. Its publishing income and foreign earnings from 200 companies come from four sources: sheet-music sales, mechanical royalties (reproduction on CD, tape or video), performing fees and the use of songs and music on film soundtracks.

Peter Reichardt, the managing director, music publishing UK, says: "We always strive to have hit writers, first and foremost, in the UK, but as this award is for money earned abroad it is doubly satisfying because it shows our English music is travelling on a worldwide basis."

EMI's Peter Reichardt, Take That's Gary Barlow and Elton John

Crumbs of comfort for baker

OUR hamburger-eating culture, with Whoppers and Big Macs a part of our lives, has helped a company to win a Queen's Award for Export Achievement. For Gold West Foods Limited, with bakeries in Hemel Hempstead and Heywood, Lancashire, provides the buns, *Michael Hatfield writes*.

Brian Maguire, its Executive Chairman, presides over his private company whose export volume — now more than £7 million a year, or the equivalent of 180 million buns in provender parlance — has trebled in the past three years. The company's bakery division not only supplies all the buns to McDonald's UK restaurants, but also sells to Denmark, Holland, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Ireland and Iceland.

Though the company has exported buns for more than 10 years, it was the opening of a new bakery in Heywood that created the extra capacity which led to its great export success.

Mr Maguire says that because of a controlled balance between reduced costs due to greater efficiency, lower interest rates, low inflation and increased volumes, the company's present selling prices are now lower than they were in 1991.

APV Baker, Confectionery Cereal and Snacks Division, which manufactures process plants for the confectionery, cereal and snack industries, won its Queen's Award for Export Achievement for the considerable export growth it has achieved over three years, particularly in Europe and the Asia Pacific region, where sales have doubled.

During the three-year qualification period for the award, the Peterborough-based business embarked on a comprehensive programme of searching out specialist product sales managers to work in Strasbourg, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur and Seoul.

The Chivas and Glenlivet Group, Paisley, wins an Export Award for the first time, although two of its constituents (Chivas Brothers Ltd and Glenlivet Distillers Ltd) have each been earlier winners. The group is the operating division of the Canadian-owned Seagram Distillers. Its exports have increased by 70 per cent over the past six years.

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ABT Industries Ltd, Yaxley, Peterborough: System allowing the insertion of a polyethylene pipe inside the existing steel pipe connecting the domestic gas meter to the main.

Applied Vision Ltd, Whitwick, Leicestershire: Magnetron sputtering to produce anti-reflection coatings for ophthalmic lenses.

Blackhawk Automotive Limited, Ashford, Kent: "Shark" computerised measuring system.

Borden (UK) Ltd, European Resins Group, Southampton: Foundry sand binder based on a special phenol formaldehyde resin polymer system.

James Dewhurst Limited, Dexter Division, Accrington, Lancashire: Dewtex, a technique for manufacturing non-woven "laid" reinforcement scrim products.

Marconi Instruments Limited, St Albans, Hertfordshire: New system of Fractional-N synthesis for frequency control.

McKechnie Vehicle Components, Extrusion Operation, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire: Method for forming and assembling plastic tubes for fuel lines and similar components in vehicles.

MediSense Inc, Abingdon, Oxfordshire: Blood glucose monitoring product which speeds up the process.

Messier-Dowty Ltd, Gloucester: Landing gear structure for the Airbus A330/340 aircraft.

Novamedix Limited, Andover, Hampshire: Blood circulation enhancement equipment.

Quantel Limited, Newbury, Berkshire: Henry Concurrent Editing System, a fully integrated video editing system.

Racal Instruments Limited, Slough, Berkshire: Racal 6111 test system for base transceiver stations for the pan-European digital cellular communication system.

Renishaw Transducer Systems Division of Renishaw plc, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire: QC10 Renishaw Ballbar.

STC Submarine Systems Limited, Greenwich, London: Submarine telecommunications systems employing erbium-doped fibre amplifiers.

Snell & Wilcox Ltd, Petersfield, Hampshire: Electronic film transfer equipment.

Stanhay Webb Ltd, Newmarket, Suffolk: Multiline pneumatic seed planter that can plant small seeds such as carrot, onion and tomato, which traditionally had been pelletised, in their natural state.

Underwater Excavation Limited: Portlethen, Aberdeen: Jet Prop Underwater Excavation System, a high-pressure waterjets propeller.

Messier-Dowty landing gear

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Josie Lawrence at the RSC: definitely *not* the tortured victim approach to *The Taming of the Shrew*

■ THEATRE 2

Shared Experience offers a superb and provocative adaptation of George Eliot's *The Mill on the Floss*

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■ THEATRE 3

Heartbreak House, Shaw's wordy study of cosy middle-class attitudes, opens in Coventry

■ MUSIC

Playing the notes is not enough: Alexander Toradze also had to mend the piano during his performance

Whose shrew is it anyway?

Kate Alderson meets the two women tackling Shakespeare's politically dangerous misogyny at Stratford

NEWSTEAM

Director Gale Edwards and actor Josie Lawrence: "Our Kate is a highly brilliant, beautiful and intelligent woman. Yes, her behaviour is shrewish, but also violent and naughty"

Gale Edwards and Josie Lawrence have me wrong-footed within minutes of our meeting. I cannot remember the name of the woman who had played Kate in an RSC touring production of *The Taming of the Shrew* from my schooldays, but I can recollect the name of the man who had played her suitor.

"Ah-ha," says Edwards, the first female director ever to tackle *The Taming of the Shrew* for the Royal Shakespeare Company, and whose production opens at Stratford tonight. "Ah-ha. There we have it. People are always saying that they've seen the play, can remember who played Petruchio, but not who played Kate. I find it perfectly astonishing."

Edwards, an Australian, is the associate director of the State Company of South Australia and has spent the last two years shuttling between jobs in Australia and Britain. Her most recent British production was *Saint Joan* featuring Imogen Stubbs.

She remains more than a little amazed that Kate can ever be perceived as an almost supplementary character in the play. "She is the back-bone, the spine," she enthuses. "Our Kate is a highly brilliant, beautiful and intelligent woman. Both she and Petruchio exist in a world of buffoons. Yes, her behaviour is shrewish, but it is also spontaneous and violent and naughty," she says, her eyes sparkling, "and wicked and mischievous and confronting," she continues, fairly bouncing with delight at the notion of the Kate she has created.

Lawrence, whose most recent stage credits include *Pygmalion* and *Moll Flanders* but who is better known for her contributions to *Whose Line Is It Anyway* and Central Television's *Outside Edge*, is playing Kate in her first role with the RSC. She interjects quietly but gravely: "And we're not doing Kate as a tortured victim, either."

Edwards laughs: "Can you imagine doing a tortured victim interpretation of this play with Josie?" That bleak, black view of the play with Petruchio as "such a terrible bastard and a Kate learning how to love violence and oppression" would be completely abhorrent, according to Edwards. She repeats the word abhorrent, only more slowly and loudly while leaning forward in her chair, and adds: "And not to mention completely unintelligent."

> ‘It's a play I've been ducking for years, it's so difficult’

It is against a background of 30 years of feminism, and a Western society confused with its notions of sexual roles and identities, that both actor and director are involved in what many perceive to be a play of pure misogyny: the tale of a rebellious and robust woman who, broken by an arrogant and violent man, makes a closing speech about her taming and how she will obey her lord.

"I didn't choose to do this play, I actually tried not to do it for a long time," says Edwards, sitting in the Stratford office of Adrian Noble, the RSC's artistic director. Noble telephoned Edwards after seeing *Saint Joan* and asked if she would take on *The Taming*. "I sighed and said, oh dear, it's a play I've been ducking for years, it's such a difficult play to take on."

She is reluctant to discuss what she calls the "political" issue of a woman directing such a play and makes no reference to the male-directed version, featuring Josette Simon, being staged in Leicester. She views the play as much more than a simple battle-of-the-sexes comedy, and is all too aware that by today's standards it can seem a politically unsound play.

"There is a tremendous pressure when a woman takes on a text like this, that somehow this woman is going to solve the play, a play we've been wrestling with for years, or enlighten us or turn it on its head," she says. "The pressure of expectation hangs over you like the Sword of Damocles.

"People don't think, gee, a man is going to direct *King Lear*, this'll be really good because a man is directing. If I directed *Hamlet* as I have directed *King Lear*, *The Winter's Tale* and *The Tempest*, I would not be subject to this amount of scrutiny or interest.

"And therein lies the rub. It's what part of the play is about, isn't it?" she demands jovially. "How strange it is to be a strong woman."

Edwards feigns a jolly contempt at being asked about the difficulties of a woman directing a play riddled with passages which, read flat on the page, could curl the toes of the least liberated ladies. She claims bemusement at how everyone wants to know what she has done with the last speech, where Kate advises sisterhood to "place your hands below your husband's foot".

Her unwillingness to discuss the apparent misogyny of the last speech stems from confidence that her interpretation of the play will satisfy the critics and present a picture of questioning equality.

The character of Christopher Sly, a drunken tinkerman, played by Michael Siberry, is used to begin and end the play. After rowing with his wife he falls down and begins dreaming, the contents of which form the main play in Padua.

In Sly's macho fantasy dream he becomes the character Petruchio and turns the rebellious Kate into a subservient woman. However, the dream turns into a nightmare and as Petruchio/Sly watches a subservient Kate deliver the final speech he wonders what he has done, and questions whether breaking her spirit was something he either wanted or had the right to do.

Edwards's interpretation of the play as a love story about two rebels of equal wit, volatility and intelligence rests well with Lawrence: "I think Gale wanted a fiery, witty Kate," she says. "She also wanted one that could create moments of vulnerability."

Unlike her director, Lawrence had no qualms about taking the role of Kate, no hesitation whatsoever when asked if she would like to meet Edwards and consider a two-year season with the RSC. "Bloody hell, no," she says, exaggerating her Midlands vowels. "Even if you don't know the play that well you know Kate is a part you always want to play. People think, usually before reading the play, that it is just about male dominance, but of course it is not."

Despite Lawrence's prolific comedy output in this country Edwards, who lives mainly in Australia, had seen nothing of her work. "There are bound to be people who think 'novelty casting'," Lawrence says. "But Gale had never seen me in anything before, knew nothing about me, and I auditioned for the part."

She claims not to have seen a screened or staged version of the play before, only the *Moonlighting* version on television where Bruce Willis hams up his Petruchio. Her irreverence betrays her seriousness. "This year I knew I needed to get back to doing more theatre," she says. "I could either do quiz shows and join the celebrity circuit, or go back to where I started in the theatre." She adds that she was getting fed up with people asking her if *Whose Line Is It Anyway* was rehearsed.

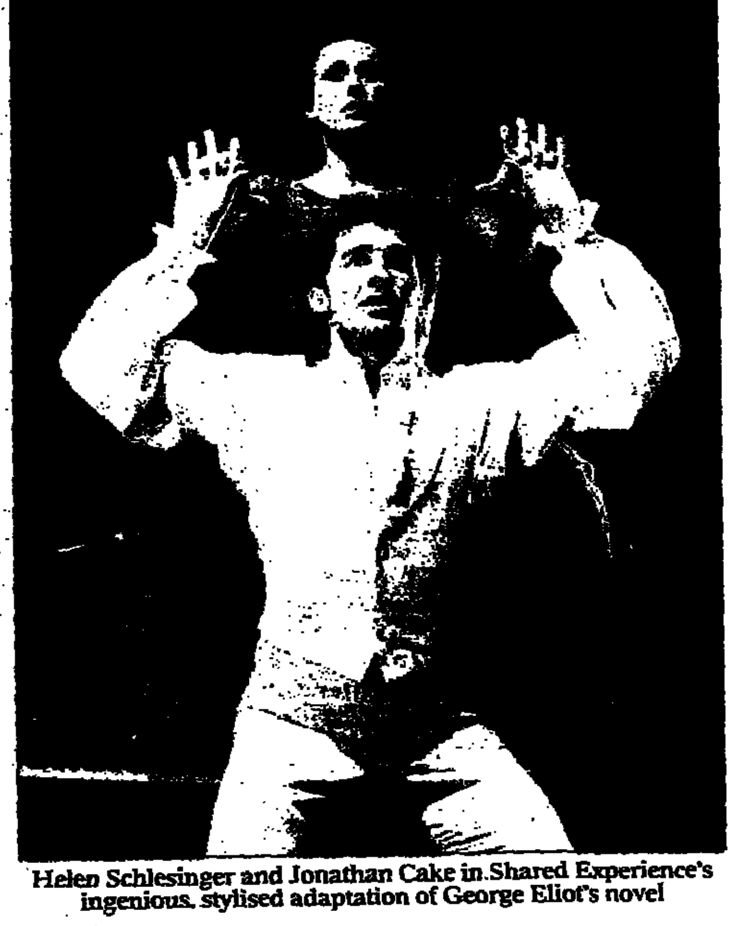
"I'm 36 this year and I can't spend my career saying, I'd better not do that in case I get put down," she says. "You can't spend your life being scared of what other people might think, especially when you get to my age. I want to be one of these old eccentric actresses who don't give a flying F." Kate could not have put it better.

● The Taming of the Shrew *opens at the RST, Stratford (01789 295623) tonight*

Veritable flood of invention

The Mill on the Floss
Lyric, Hammersmith

DONALD COOPER



Helen Schlesinger and Jonathan Cake in Shared Experience's ingenious, stylised adaptation of George Eliot's novel

Most of us enjoyed the dressy, earnest romance that called itself George Eliot's *Middlemarch* and skimmed across our television screens a few months ago. But Shared Experience's staging of what's admittedly a lesser novel is on a quite different imaginative level. The company plays odd, stylised games with the original that in other hands could have become pretentious, distracting, boring, confusing and worse: yet somehow it manages to penetrate Eliot's heart and mind without the least spoiling her story.

In Helen Edmundson's adaptation, the tale of the Tullivers is there in all its essentials. Father's ruin, as he supposes at the hands of the shyster lawyer Wakem. His son Tom's rebuilding of the family fortunes. Maggie's sedate love for Wakem's crippled son, Philip, and her more passionate one for Stephen Guest. Her alienation from her increasingly censorious brother. The siblings' death in what many readers have found a suspiciously convenient torrent.

Nancy Meckler and Polly Teale, who co-direct, even manage to give point and power to this improbable ending. The last image, after much noise and balletic swirl, is of Maggie hanging upside-down in the floodwater. That brings us full-circle to one of the horrors that fascinated her as a precocious, bookish child in the original novel and fascinates her here, too. A ducked woman who managed to float could be burnt as a witch, while one who went virtuously under ended up drowned. For Shared Experience, this says plenty about the prospects for a woman with a mind and spirit in the Victorian provinces.

That suggests that the company has its feminist agenda. If so, it is neither over-obvious nor a distortion of Eliot's own feelings. On the contrary, the evening's most radical invention, the splitting of Maggie into three, accurately embodies exemplary schisms within her psyche. In Anne-Marie Duff's marvellous performance, Maggie One is all angular volatility and chaotic affection. Catherine Cusack, Maggie Two, catches the precarious serenity of the young woman trying to crush rebellious emotions. Helen Schlesinger's Maggie Three seems maturer, but is actually pulled this way and that by her younger selves.

At times the production shows this war between id and superego pretty literally, with Duff impulsively scampering round and tugging at Schlesinger while Cusack frowns or prays beside her. Believe it or not, the idea does not seem the least tricksy. But then nor does anything else occurring on or below the timber walkway that straddles the stage. Only when the cast droops about reading books did I feel the production was perplexing rather than enthralling me.

It is a pacey, purposeful evening, and a well-acted one, too. Eight actors take all the main parts, plus the odd minor one, and never lose their concentration or energy. Let's briefly celebrate those so far unmentioned. Simeon Andrews, Jonathan Cake, Simon Cox, Michael Matus, Clara Salaman: they collectively prove that, when it comes to telling a strong story with insight and invention, the stage can outmatch the box by a mile.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

SOS from GBS

Heartbreak House
Belgrade, Coventry

At first glance, Captain Shotover surely lives aboard a vintage vessel on the high seas. His quarters are braced with sturdy timbers, low-ceilinged with a curve of small-paned windows at the stern. But this is Bernard Shaw's sub-Chekhovian *Heartbreak House*; his satirico-serious exposé of the destructive, seemingly indestructible idle classes of pre-1914 England.

So, the amusing bit is that the view beyond Shotover's poop is not of the swelling ocean but of the cosy hills of the Home Counties. For Simon Usher's unadventurous production, we are in the drawing room of the old eccentric's country pad, soon to be invaded by hordes of guests entangled in amorous knots. The captain's married daughters, a pair of sexually bohemian, snobbish sirens — one with a romantic rotter of a husband — entertain themselves ensnaring businessmen and a young woman without wealth.

Shaw's drama does attempt to grapple with emotional and ethical darkness. The magnate Boss Mangan (Peter Sproule sounding as if he was battling against influenza) is so stripped of his dignity by the teasing that he breaks down and sobs and is driven to ripping off his clothes madly. Ellie Dunn, the innocent whose heart is broken by her friend Mrs Hushabye's rakish spouse, learns sharp practice herself, preparing to marry for money and revenge.

The ladies and gentlemen sometimes let it all out, offering animal wails and venting their pseudo-ritualised anger at the opposite sex, posed in occasional tableaux. By the end they are all wishing themselves dead, standing on the patio willing the suddenly appearing German bombers to blow them to kingdom come. After three hours of Bernard banging on, I wasn't averse to this idea myself.

The trouble is that Shaw's play and, more culpably, Usher's production are not shipshape. Perhaps the evening is meant to depict stormy passions, yet scarcely a zephyr crossed the footlights. Meanwhile, the tête-à-têtes can sound perilously close to, albeit often brilliant, socio-political observations lifted from GBS's notebooks. The conversation veers from one big issue to the next: modern morality; old age; imagination; the relations between financial and spiritual wealth; the power of women. Usher's slack direction fails to grasp the social comedy and the humour of Shaw's tongue-in-cheek plot twists. Characters are left drifting without full psychological anchoring.

The acting, despite a promising cast, is not up to scratch. Yet Stanley Page is charmingly cranky as Shotover, testily energetic and fluffily befuddled, and Louise Jameson has some sweeping style as the pre-Raphaelite Mrs Hushabye, flouncing about in various neo-medieval gowns.

KATE BASSETT

CONCERT

Ripping yarns

CBSO/Lloyd-Jones
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

PIANISTS often put a string out of tune. Sometimes they even break one. Rarely are they seen to reach under the piano lid, take hold of the loose end, rip the hapless wire from its fastening and stuff it in a jacket pocket. That was only part of the Alexander Toradze spectacular, a between-movements diversion in a swaying, stamping, kicking and altogether fascinating performance of Prokofiev's Fifth Piano Concerto.

A miscellany of a work, compiled with peculiarly little long-term structural strategy, it so fascinated the audience in Symphony Hall on this occasion that it earned a rare encore in the form of a repeat of the third of the five movements. Having so successfully survived the dangers in both Toradze's mercurial temperament and Prokofiev's exceptionally tricky score, David Lloyd-Jones must have asked himself if he really wanted to go on from there to the same composer's problematical Seventh Symphony.

Valery Gergiev, who had devised this apparently shapeless programme — anomalously including Berlioz's *Roman Carnival* overture alongside Liadov's *Kikimora* — would no doubt have demonstrated the logic behind it. In his absence, through illness, that logic remained frustratingly obscure.

It is no reflection on David Lloyd-Jones's powers of interpretation that this connection did not emerge. But if the climactic moment of the symphony stimulates only incredulity, if it proves impossible to believe that the composer really thought that he could get away with recalling the big tune of the first movement with so little preparation in the inappropriate context of the last, there is clearly something fundamentally wrong. It would be interesting to hear if Gergiev himself could demonstrate the opposite.

GERALD LARNER

PRIVATE PASSIONS MADE PUBLIC.

'PRIVATE PASSIONS': RADIO 3'S NEW SATURDAY SERIES IN WHICH CELEBRITIES REVEAL THEIR OWN CLASSICAL FAVOURITES TO MICHAEL BERKELEY. TOMORROW'S GUEST IS GERMAINE GREER. MID-DAY TO 1:00PM.

■ TONIGHT

Philip Prowse's staging of Bizet's Ceylonese opera, *The Pearl Fishers*, opens at the Leeds Grand

■ SATURDAY

The South Bank launches its festival of music by the minimalist mystic, Arvo Pärt

THE TIMES ARTS

■ SUNDAY

Top British soprano Felicity Lott begins a European recital tour at Glasgow's Theatre Royal

■ FILM

Pure melodrama, no question: Edward Zwick, creator of *thirtysomething*, on his new western

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

BRITISH MUSIC NOW: An imposing title for a weekend of concerts featuring "five of the most brilliantly talented British composers". Robin Holloway, Colin Matthews, Mark-Anthony Turnage and Oliver Knussen have been knocking around for years. Julian Anderson, still in his early twenties, is regarded as a very bright prospect. Martyn Brabbins and Knussen conduct the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Nash Ensemble.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Sun, 6.30pm. Ⓢ

THE MAIDEN STONE: Matthew Lloyd directs Rona Munro's new play, set among wild road-wanderers in the early 19th-century. Cast includes Frances Tomelty and Paul Higgins. Winner of the first Peggy Ramsay Play Award.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm; opens Apr 27. Ⓢ

ARVO PART: EMERGING LIGHT: Roger Norrington opens a festival of music from the Baltic States — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — with tomorrow's London Philharmonic and Hilliard Ensemble concert devoted to the minimalist, spiritual Pärt. Among other featured composers will be Erkki-Sven Tüür and Veljo Tormis.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 8800). Tomorrow, 7.45pm. Until May 12. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Elocution lessons for Jayne Ashbourne from Roy Marsden in **Pygmalion**. Anthony Clark directs a co-production with Duncan C. Weldon, with George Raistrick, Barry Stanton.
Repertory, Centenary Square (0121-236 4455). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm; opens April 26, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Apr 27, May 11 and 18, 2.30pm; Apr 29, May 6 and 13, 3pm. No perf May 8. Until May 20. Ⓢ

GLASGOW: The scintillating Felicity Lott is joined by pianist Graham Johnson for a floral-themed recital to open the next phase of Scottish Opera's 1994-95 season. Sunday's programme includes works from Schumann, Wolf, Gounod and Chabrier.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (0141-332 9000). Sun, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

LEEDS: Philip Prowse's acclaimed production of Bizet's Ceylon romance *The Pearl Fishers* returns to Opera North to open a French season. With Arthur Davies, André Cognet, Maria D'Aragnes and Nourabad, Dietfried Bernet conducts the co-production with English National Opera.
Grand, New Briggate (0113-245 9351/244 0971). Tonight, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

LEICESTER: Mihai Maniutu, director of the Odeon Theatre of Bucharest, brought his magnificent *Richard III* to the UK last year, and returns to direct Josette Simon and James McPherson in **The Taming of the Shrew**.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0116 253 9797). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm; opens April 25, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Apr 27, May 3 and 10, 2pm; Sats 3pm. Until May 13. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: *Impressionism in Britain* (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Byzantine Treasures from British Collections, final week (0171-636 1555) . . . **Hayward**: Yves Klein, final week (071-928 3144) . . . **National Gallery**: Spanish Still Life: from Velásquez to Goya (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery**: Richard Avedon (0171-306 0055) . . . **Royal Academy**: Odilon Redon (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine**: Take Me (I'm Yours) (0171-402 6075) . . . **Tate**: Through Switzerland With Turner (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Prints of the Raphael Cartoons (0171-938 8500) . . . **Whitechapel**: Kiki Smith, final week (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'**: Exhilaratin' song 'n' dance show created from the hits of Fats Waller. Non-stop energy on feet.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **CASEMENT**: Corin Redgrave in the title role of Alex Ferguson's play. The public servant who exposed colonialist horrors in the Congo and was executed to preserve British rule in Ireland.
Riverside Studio 2, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2255). Now previewing, 8pm, opens April 25.

☐ **CONVERSATIONS WITH MY FATHER**: Judd Hirsch re-creates his Tony Award-winning performance in Herb Gardner's play, covering 40 years of Jewish experience in New York.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (0171-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

☐ **IN PRAISE OF LOVE**: Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow in Rattigan drama about bravely facing death. Interesting and finally touching as it shows the effects, ill and good, of emotional restraint.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5070). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **INDIAN INK**: Felicity Kendal, Art Malik and Margaret Tyzack in Tom Stoppard's latest, wittily, poignantly, exploring aspects of Anglo-Indian resentments and respect.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR**: Terry Hands's first production here, after his long time in charge of the RSC. Denis Quilley plays the fat knight and Richard McCabe an insanely jealous husband.
National (Olivier), South Bank SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm; mat Sat and Tue, 2pm. Ⓢ

☐ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Adrian Noble's richly beautiful production from last year's Stratford. The outstanding cast includes Alex Jennings, Stella Gonet, Desmond Barrit and Barry Lynch.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Now previewing; opens April 25, 7pm. Ⓢ

☐ **ONE FINE DAY**: Joe McGann's compelling performance as a devoted dad caught up in a child-abuse case. Dennis Lumborg's engrossing play.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **SIMPATICO**: Powerful acting from Ciaran Hinds, Sean McGinley, Janet McTeer and Tony Haygarth in Sam Shepard's first play for a decade. A shared secret from long ago connects two men now living very different lives. Not vintage Shepard but inciteful and gripping.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Until May 13

☐ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**: David Thacker's acclaimed production, with Bernard Hill superb as the NY longshoreman consumed by unspeakable love for his niece.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-930 8800). Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2pm; Sat and Sun, 3pm.

◪ **THE WINTER GUEST**: Phyllida Law and Sian Thomas head Alan Rickman's sensitively directed cast in Sharman Macdonald's fine play about loss, survival, the perils and joys of life.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Ⓢ

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BEFORE SUNRISE (15): Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy walk and talk in Vienna. Risky, endearing film from *Slacker* director Richard Linklater.
Odeon West End (01426-915 574)

LE COLONEL CHABERT (PG): Stodgy presentation of a good Balzac yarn about a man thought dead trying to reclaim his past. With Gérard Depardieu and Fanny Ardant.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

DEATH AND THE MAIDEN (18): A decent transfer of Ariel Dorfman's play, but a cramped, impersonal film for Roman Polanski. With Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Stuart Wilson.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

LA FRONTERA (15): Ricardo Larrain's atmospheric first feature about a Chilean exiled to an isolated village.
Metro (0171-437 0757)

◆ **OUTBREAK** (18): Taut virus thriller that turns silly. With Dustin Hoffman and Rene Russo and Morgan Freeman. Director, Wolfgang Petersen.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **AN AWFULLY BIG ADVENTURE** (15): A teenager's postwar theatre experiences. Fascinating abrasive drama from Beryl Bainbridge's novel. Mike Newell directs Alan Rickman, Hugh Grant and Georgina Cates.
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **DISCLOSURE** (18): Michael Douglas says no to Demi Moore. Superficially enjoyable version of Michael Crichton's sexual harassment novel.
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **FAR FROM HOME** (U): Apple-cheeked family film about a boy and his dog trekking home from a boatwreck.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE MADNESS OF KING GEORGE** (PG): Nigel Hawthorne reigns supreme as Alan Bennett's tormented monarch. A fine film transfer with Helen Mirren, Ian Holm.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGMs: Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **JUST CAUSE** (18): Harvard law professor Sean Connery wrestles with a murder case in Florida. Ludicrous investigative thriller.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **MURIEL'S WEDDING** (15): Ugly duckling becomes swan in P.J. Hogan's boisterous, queasy Aussie comedy.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426 915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

ONCE WERE WARRIORS (18): Forceful New Zealand tale of Maori culture ravaged by the urban ghetto. Lee Tamahori directs a powerful cast.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Electric** Ⓢ (0171-792 2020) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ONE HUNDRED AND ONE DALMATIANS** (U): Disney's pleasant, witty cartoon version of Dodie Smith's book about endangered puppies.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker St** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (792 3332)

ADRIAN BROOKS

Edward Zwick: "There is a hunger in cinema audiences for narrative"

Lust and dust in the Old West

FILM: Edward Zwick, creator of the TV series *thirtysomething*, has now turned out an epic tale of ranch life. He tells **Joe Joseph** why

When nine out of ten Tarantino-struck film school graduates are aching to make movies in which a pair of hip hitmen drive across town discussing what the French call a quarterpounder with cheese, Edward Zwick has just made the sort of epic you nowadays only see shown as classic repeats on Sunday afternoon television. Many people will need convincing that Zwick's new film, *Legends of the Fall* — with Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins and Aidan Quinn, and which has the grand sweep of George Stevens's *Giant* — was spun from a slender novella by Jim Harrison.

But then most people, Zwick included, would have needed convincing that *thirtysomething*, the television series he dreamt up about a bunch of middle-class chums caught in that half-light between maturity and middle age, would turn out to be such a spectacular success.

> ‘He was enraptured by the story of *Legends* for 20 years’

Legends revolves around the Ludlow ranch in Nowhere, Montana, in the early 20th century. There is Hopkins's William Ludlow, the father who quit the army over the Government's treatment of plains Indians, and his three sons, played by Pitt, Quinn and Henry Thomas (a chance for movie buffs to glimpse the kid from *E.T.* now that he is out of short trousers).

Julia Ormond, an English actress being groomed for Hollywood stardom, is the woman who seeps into the family and shatters it like water freezing in the crack of a rock. She either falls in love with or marries each of the three brothers in turn, but is most smitten by Pitt's Tristan, a restless tearaway. It is with Tristan that any resemblance between *Legends* and the cosy TV hit *Bonanza* ends.

Tristan wrestles with big bears (no Spielberg-style computer tricks here, only real bears and a careful stuntman), goes to fight Germans in the First World War, communes with Indian spirits, falls in love, travels the world, becomes a drug addict, returns to Montana, runs liquor during the Prohibition, and eventually dies at the paws of a 1,300lb grizzly.

Call him bashful, but Zwick — whose last movie was *Glory*, about the first black regiment to fight in the Civil War, and starring Denzel Washington — has a hunch why *Legends* has been such a box office hit since opening in America. "It flies in the face of this steady diet of high-concept fare that the American audience has been given," he says. "For instance, a bus that explodes if it goes below 50mph; *Batman*; *The Brady Bunch*.

"I think there is a hunger in audiences for story, for narrative. Even the word 'melodrama' has taken on all sorts of pejorative undertones. But I don't think Dickens would have objected to his work being called melodrama. It's what the Greek theatre was about."

Zwick first read and became enraptured by *Legends* when *Esquire* magazine published it in full around 20 years ago. Zwick was still in film school. After annually pestering Harrison, he finally got the film rights in 1985 and has been shaping the pet project ever since. Pitt came into the frame after he turned up for a couple of days' work on *thirtysomething* and caught Zwick's eye, long before *Thelma and Louise* put Pitt on the map.

But what was so captivating about this Wild West family saga that turned it into an obsession? "There's something about this story that resonates to old stories: three sons struggling for their birthright, the prodigal son, Cain and Abel. When I read it, there was something of the epic about it, in the sense of stories told, of tales handed down, that fate is not always kind and strange things happen."

Zwick really talks like this, which makes him sound passionate or pompous, depending on whether you think the glass is half full or half empty. This is an engaging, easy-going man, who dresses in a black beard, white Chinos and sneakers, and who sprawls comfortably across a sofa. But this is not a man who sees films in terms of those bite-sized pitches that Hollywood bosses find digestible ("Think *Pretty Woman* meets *Airplane*"). This is a man who wears his learning on his sleeve — "I have a classical education. I read English and history at Harvard. I have a literary background" — and whose heroes are John Ford and David Lean. "I saw *Lawrence of Arabia* when I was about 12 and have been attracted to those epic films ever since."

But how far does he swim from the main Hollywood shoal? Well, as far as *Shakespeare In Love*, an Elizabethan farce that Zwick dreamt up and then got Tom Stoppard to refine. "He did it wonderfully. Young Will Shakespeare is a knockabout quick rewrite man in Elizabethan England and he gets hired to do a quick rewrite on a piece called *Romeo And Ethel The Bandit King's Daughter*. But there's a young girl in the court who wants to act in the play. As you know all the parts in those days were acted by men, so she dresses as a boy, gets the part, and a lot of gender confusion follows. And Shakespeare falls in love with her, and, of course, there are lots of allusions to Shakespeare's plays."

You expect literary tricksiness from Stoppard. But from a commercially successful Hollywood director? "We are all multifaceted," says Zwick. "My background is in repertory theatre. One week we would do Sam Shepard, the next Molière." So why is *Shakespeare In Love* not already in the can? "Julia Roberts pulled out at the last minute. We were planning to film in the UK in 1992. Film sets were even under construction in Pinewood."

Surely there has been pressure for a *thirtysomething* movie? "A lot. But we've resisted it so far. The only temptation is perhaps to revisit these people in a few years and see what they are doing now that they're old and fat."

But in the meantime, his life in Santa Monica suits him fine. He doesn't bite a hand that feeds him, and he gives a knowing yeah-yeah-yeah smirk when told that Steve Martin is threatening not to make any more films because studio executives interfere too much with his projects. "There's a lot to badmouth in Hollywood," Zwick says, "but at the same time it has given me a lot of licence to do lots of things and given me an opportunity to live in a manner to which I never thought I'd become accustomed. I'm wised up, but I'm not cynical. And Steve Martin *will* make another Hollywood movie."

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TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY
TTD's Vibrator
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DESPITE the new, cornflake image, and talk of a "rawer" sound, Terence Trent D'Arby continues to occupy a familiar patch of no-man's land somewhere between the over-sexed funk of Prince and the under-resourced retro-rock of Lenny Kravitz. And true to past form, his crassly-titled fourth album, *TTD's Vibrator*, is a sprawling collection which exhibits patchy touches of brilliance.

Despite his obvious talent as a singer, D'Arby's writing is still weighed down with an inordinate amount of egotistical baggage. His lyrics can be preposterously ornate: "The slow striptease of time/-Releases now the seven veils". But despite his poetic aspirations he sounds, more often, like a mercurial Jack-the-lad reeling off a string of chat-up lines on *Blind Date* ("I'm a match and you're kerosene", "You're so fine, what's your solar sign?", "Because of your sigh, the hours fly").

Beyond grouping his songs around the theme of love, D'Arby recognises few stylistic boundaries, and the album's 13 tracks are book-ended by the twitchy, jazz-funk of *Vibrator* with its impossible dropped-beat time signature, and a conventional slow ballad, *It's Been Said*, arranged for voice, piano and strings. In between there are chunks of rock and soul, coloured here and there with Latin rhythms and hip-hop beats, and all welded together by sheer force of personality as much as any over-riding sense of musical logic.

The best stretch is a Stevie Wonder-type ballad called *Undeniably* which is linked to the Joni Mitchell-influenced *We Don't Have That Much Time Together* by a wonderful jazz instrumental passage featuring saxophonist Branford Marsalis. For a moment it sounds as if the ever-ambitious (and frequently over-ambitious) D'Arby really can do anything that he sets his mind to.

TINDERSTICKS
Tindersticks (This Way Up/S.R.D. 526 303)

THE grimy, black and white cover artwork; the funereal pulse of many of the songs; the dolorous rumble of Stuart Staples's basso profundo voice: it adds up to an album which ought to be an unremittingly bleak experience.

But as before, the second instalment of Tindersticks' continuing walk on the downside has a curiously mesmeric quality about it. The swirling sounds of strings, piano, organ and brass lends a cinemascopic quality to the music, while the narrative style of the lyrics sets all sorts of moods and images in train.

"She went blind at the age of five," Staples deadpans mysteriously during *My Sister*. "I described the houses opposite, the little patch of grass next to the path, the gate with its rotten hinges." But his sister, staring at the same scene, sees "little twinkly stars like Christmas tree lights in faraway windows".

Like much fine art, it is an album which consistently finds beauty in the darkness.

JIMI HENDRIX
Voodoo Soup (Polydor 527 520)

ALTHOUGH reduced long ago to scraping the bottom of a very dry barrel, producer Alan Douglas, the ad hoc caretaker (some would say vandaliser) of Jimi Hendrix's recorded legacy, is not going to stop now.

Following the *Blues* and *Woodstock* collections, *Voodoo Soup* is the latest heap of scrap to be offloaded in the guise of a "new" album. One shudders to think what impression new listeners will take away if this happens to be their first exposure to the genius of Hendrix.

There are just three tracks which aren't already available elsewhere. And two of them, *Message To Love* and *Peace In Mississippi*, are merely versions of recordings that were previously issued (on *Crash Landing*) with substitute musicians playing the backing tracks. They have now been restored to their original (grossly substandard) condition. The only completely "new" track is *The New Rising Sun*, a pitifully incomplete snippet of Hendrix jamming on a composite Little Wing/Angel riff, that is risibly presented as "a sonic sound portrait" right at the start of the album.

The rest is padding, selected with little rhyme or reason from Hendrix's other albums, including seven tracks from *The Cry Of Love*, one of many already available collections which would make a much better purchase than this.

MARIANNE FAITHFULL
A Secret Life
(Island 524 096)

IT OUGHT to have been a dream ticket: the wracked, world-weary voice and words of Marianne Faithfull spliced to the orchestrated compositions of Angelo Badalamenti, best known for his eerily evocative soundtrack to *Twin Peaks*. But the reality is a middling collection of songs that are at best selfconsciously grim and at worst a bit dull.

"After a certain age every artist works with injury," Faithfull asserts in her most magisterial and nicotine-stained tone soon after drifting into French for a verse or two of *Bored By Dreams*. And that's one of the livelier ones.

With extracts from Dante's *Divine Comedy* and Shakespeare's *The Tempest* thrown in for good measure, *A Secret Life* offers plenty of drama but not enough life.

Terence Trent D'Arby continues to occupy a familiar patch of no-man's land between the over-sexed funk of Prince and the under-resourced retro-rock of Lenny Kravitz

1	Picture This	Wet Wet Wet (Precious)
2	Greatest Hits	Bruce Springsteen (Columbia)
3	The Colour of My Love	Celine Dion (Epic)
4	No Need to Argue	Cranberries (Island)
5	The Choir	Anthony Way (Decca)
6	Medusa	Annie Lennox (RCA)
7	Dummy	Portishead (Go! Discs)
8	Wake Up!	Boo Radleys (Creation)
9	Parklife	Blur (Food)
10	Unplugged	Bob Dylan

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Cries that won't go away

When a pop icon disappears or kills himself, teenagers recognise that their own despair is being mirrored

CAITLIN MORAN

In this season of suicide, in this decade of despair, teenagers are getting picked off the barbed wire, bloodied and tattered, every day. Arms were flung aloft and tongues tutted two weeks back, when the first anniversary of Kurt Cobain's suicide coincided with the two-month anniversary of Manic Street Preacher Richey Edwards's disappearance, and *Melody Maker* instigated a debate on escalating teenage depression, self-mutilation and suicide.

From the point of view of a 35-year-old news editor or programme researcher, it seemed *obvious* that the actions of Edwards and Cobain had sparked off dark and wild tendencies in England's impressionable brood. And so, to this effect, music journalists were interviewed on the BBC's *Six O'Clock News*, and the tabloids ran shock-horror-worry pieces about how Edwards's self-mutilation had inspired a cult of delicate-cutting in the Home Counties.

It didn't happen this way round.

I have worked for *Melody Maker* for three years; and possibly the only painful part of the job is editing the letters page. *MM* receives around 200 letters a week, and the majority are teenage spats over the relative merits of Alan from Shed 7's hair over Lamp from Bang Bang Machine's hair. But five or so are painful, bright descriptions of mental breakdown and depression; and one a month starts "By the time you read this, I'll be dead."

Of course, you never know whether that is true or not — there is never any name, address, phone number — just a note from a bleak void; chill whisperings and shattered proclamations that haunt you even as you fold the letter up and shiver in a room suddenly darkened. Colleagues at *MM* have, after writing about depression or despair, received letters that end "I'm cutting myself as I write to you"; I got a letter from Croatia written by a girl who said she pushed lit cigarettes into her eyes after hearing of Cobain's suicide.

It is easy to jump to the conclusion that Cobain's self-imposed big black sleep sparked off these missives. But what *really* happened was that Cobain's actions and, to a greater extent, Richey Edwards's actions, have legitimised debate on these subjects. Many letters I have read spin along the lines of "I've been doing this for years, but before Kurt, I had no public cause to despair this hard" or "I've *always* felt this bad, but Kurt/Richey gave me a reason I can justify to friends and family".

If you're suffering from depression, the reaction of most of those surrounding you is "Cheer up. Pull yourself together, stiff upper lip, etc."

Lost souls: Kurt Cobain (top) and Richey Edwards

Of course, no amount of "pulling yourself together" cures a debilitating mental illness; it is like pushing anorexics in a veal-crate and force-feeding them eclairs. And teenage depression cannot be *explained* to parents or friends. There isn't any one root cause of the thick, damp cloud that settles around your head and blocks out all hope.

Before April 5 last year, the day Cobain killed himself, teenagers desperate to vocalise their life-horror could only mutter darkly, when asked why they were depressed: "Life is awful. All of it. I can't explain why; but I don't want to leave my bedroom; don't want to leave my bed. I don't want to live any more." As soon as the news filtered through from Seattle that Cobain had done what his lyrics had always promised, there was suddenly a specific reasoning for mourning the painful grind of existence.

If it was miraculously revealed tomorrow that Cobain hadn't shot himself at all — that he had faked his own death and was now living on an Hawaiian island — the volume of depression-missives to *Melody Maker* wouldn't drop by a single letter. Rock star disappearances and deaths don't inspire depression, self-mutilation and suicide — they merely validate it, and make it easier to talk about.

Richey Edwards has become a *cause célèbre* among depressives, alcoholics, anorexics and self-mutilators, because he was the first person in the public eye to talk openly about these subjects, not with swaggering bravado and a subtext of "look how tortured and cool I am", but with humility, sense and, often, bleak *humour*.

That is why his fans revere him so devotedly now. He said what they wanted to say, and explained what it was like and why it was happening, something which came as a relief to troubled teenagers used to spending their most forlorn moments silent and confused about the poison and electricity in their brains.

However, it may be a good ten years before the general public realises that Cobain and Edwards were not responsible for the three or four copycat suicides that followed. Rather, they were responsible for the alleviation of the conspiracy of silence that surrounds the mentally ill: particularly the clinically depressed. Once again, we find an example of Art forging on ahead of Life.

Everybody's greatest hits

The Beatles may be big, but Various Artists are bigger. **Paul Sexton** on the rise and rise of the compilation

Since January 1989, a kind of apartheid has existed in the weekly index of Britain's bestselling LPs. That was when the industry decided that that mysterious recording act called Various Artists should be deported into a separate survey for multi-artist albums.

Peter Duckworth, TV marketing manager at Virgin Records, who makes his living compiling and marketing multi-artist albums, insists that is a good thing. "From the point of view of the whole industry, it's better like this," he says. "It helps new artists, and internationally it's very important."

The various artists' market now accounts for 30 per cent of total album sales in the UK. Year Zero for this sophisticated compilations market was 1983, when the then-separate EMI and Virgin companies got together to produce a collection of recent chart nuggets titled *Now That's What I Call Music*.

> ❛ A compiler who waits for the hits to happen, then rounds them up, is lost ❜

Backed by a powerful television campaign, it was an instant smash, and launched a series that grew more muscles with the addition in 1986 of the PolyGram group and is now turning into *The Mousetrap* of the music business.

The partition between the artists and compilation charts concealed the fact that last December, when the Beatles' *Live At the BBC* album apparently went straight to No 1, it was in truth outsold by *Now That's What I Call Music 29*, which was on its way to becoming the bestselling various artists album of all time with quintuple platinum sales of more than 1.5 million.

Now 30 recently roared out of the traps in the usual double CD and cassette versions. They sell so many of these things, they still press them on vinyl.

The compiler who waits for the hits to happen and then thinks about rounding them up for his collection is lost: when *Now 30* was released earlier this month, two of the "hits" included, by Pato Banton and Mica Paris, had not yet reached the bestsellers in their own right and only beat the compilation into the shops by seven days.

Since 1993, a new brand name has thrown the compilation market for a loop. Virgin's *The Best* (fill in the suitable music genre) *Album In The World ... Ever!* series, overseen by Virgin's Peter Duckworth and Steve Pritchard with music consultants Box Music, has sold 3.5 million records by presenting musical subdivisions — rock, dance, rock 'n' roll, reggae, funk, even Christmas records — as lifestyle accessories.

"There's loads of mileage left on the 'Best Evers'," says Duckworth, adding that he and his colleagues rely on their instincts when selecting material for the albums. Other Virgin titles, and releases by many of their rivals, undergo quantitative and group research before they make it into stores. "I don't think it's becoming researched to death. Compilations sit alongside new music, it's a completely different market. People who read the *NME* and *Melody Maker* are very cynical about compilations."

The exception, he says is *The Best Punk Album in the World ... Ever!*, a kind of "Now That's What I Call Bondage Trousers" that has already sold 300,000 copies.

Using the ultimate in hyperbole for their series title does not stop Virgin coming back for more. You might think *The Best Dance Album In The World ... Ever!* was by definition a one-off. Yet the *Dance* title has now run to four volumes, each of them good for sales of at least 250,000.

Earlier this month came the release of *The Best Rock Album In The World ... Ever! Part 2*, a sequel to last year's collection which brought together the likes of Queen, ZZ Top, Lynyrd Skynyrd and The Who and sold 850,000. Some of the same hard-rocking heroes are back on sale with Volume Two in a grab bag of guitar goodies that also includes *Cigarettes and Alcohol* by Oasis, T Rex's *Telegram Sam* and even *Blockbuster* by The Sweet.

Any musical terrain can be fertile for digging: last month the theme appeared to be Celtic, as Virgin's *Celtic Moods* (Clannad, Christy Moore, the Pogues) went head-to-head with Polygram TV's *Emerald Rock*, which sports U2 and Van Morrison. TV advertising stalwarts Telstar are also in the race with their collection, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*.

No record company mogul has yet chosen to ponder what will happen when there is nothing left to compile anymore. Perhaps that will be the moment for a collection of the best various artists albums. The best compilation of compilations in the world ... ever? Now that's what I call marketing.

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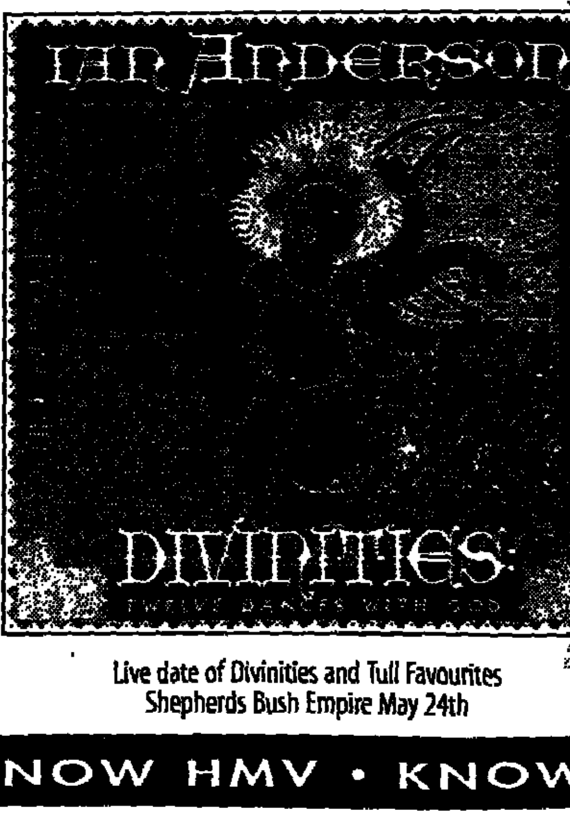

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Terms for relief against forfeiture

Escalus Properties Ltd v Robinson and Others
Same v Dennis and Others
Same v Cooper-Smith and Others
Sinclair Gardens Investments (Kensington) Ltd v Walsh and Others

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Henry

[Judgment March 30]

Relief against forfeiture of a long lease granted for a premium and at a low rent could be granted to a mortgagee of the property retrospectively and on terms that it paid all arrears of rent and service charges. Such relief was available *in the county court by virtue of* section 138 of the County Courts Act 1938, in the High Court by virtue of section 38 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 and in cases relating to proceedings brought under section 146(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments dismissing (i) two appeals brought by landlords, Escalus Properties Ltd, from decisions of Judge Willis in Croydon County Court on December 22, 1993 in favour of Abbey National plc; *(ii) a further appeal by Escalus* Properties Ltd from the decision of Judge Fawcus, sitting as a judge of the High Court, on January 27, 1994, *in* favour of Abbey National, and (iii) an appeal by landlords, *Sinclair Gardens Investments* (Kensington) Ltd, against the decision of Mr Bridges Adams sitting as an assistant recorder in Lambeth County Court on August 25, 1993, in favour of Bristol & West Building Society.

Mr David Neuberger, QC and Mr Graham Clark for the landlords; Mr Michael Driscoll, QC and Mr John McGhee for Abbey National; Mr Michael Driscoll, QC and Mr Timothy Harry for Bristol & West; the tenants of the various properties, all defendants in the actions, did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that in each appeal a mortgagee by subdemise sought relief against *forfeiture of a long lease granted* for a premium at a low rent.

The landlords accepted that relief was available. The dispute was as to its nature and the terms on which it ought to be granted.

The mortgagees said that relief could be granted retrospectively and on terms that they paid arrears of rent and service charge. The landlords said that relief could only be granted as from the date of the order granting it and on terms that the mortgagee paid all arrears of rent and service charge up to the *date of forfeiture, thereafter mesne* profits until the date of the order.

His Lordship said that the leases having been granted at low rents it was evident that mesne profits would be far more valuable to the *landlord. Different considerations* applied depending on whether the landlords had taken proceedings in the county court or the High Court and on whether they were based on non-payment of rent or of sums other than rent.

Each lease was of a house or flat at a premium of between £56,500 and £67,000 and at a rent of between £80 and £200. Each lease contained covenants by the tenant to pay service charge as well as rent.

In none of them did the reddendum reserve the service charge as rent. However in two of the cases the leases contained a provision that service charge "be deemed to be sums due by way of additional rent".

In each case the lease had been mortgaged by the tenant and the tenant had defaulted under the mortgage as well as under the lease. In each case the appropriate mortgagee was joined as a defendant for the purpose of claiming relief against forfeiture. Relief was granted retrospectively and on terms that all arrears owing under the lease and costs, but not mesne profits, were paid.

Because the statutory provisions relating to non-payment of rent *differed from those relating to* other breaches of covenant, a preliminary point arose in two of the cases: was a service charge "rent"?

By deeming that service charge *be sums due by way of additional* rent, the leases had the effect of conferring the like attributes on the service charge. To hold thus was to give full effect to the agreements between the parties. Thus those two cases were to be treated as *"rent only" cases.*

Section 138(2) of the County Courts Act 1938

The mortgagee, having paid into court all the rent and service charge in arrear and the costs of the action, applying the decision in *United Dominions Trust Ltd v Shellpoint Trustees Ltd* ([1993] 4 All ER 310), Judge Willis and the assistant recorder correctly held that the mortgagee was automatically entitled to retrospective relief against forfeiture.

Section 38 of the Supreme Court Act 1981

The proposition advanced by Mr Neuberger that relief granted under that section could only be granted as from the date of the order granting it was inconsistent with the terms of section 38(2). Relief could be granted retrospectively by reinstatement of the lease and Judge Fawcus had applied the correct test, *making it impossible* for his decision to be interfered with.

Section 146 of the Law of Property Act 1925

In the fourth case, Abbey National had accepted that it was not a "rent only" case so that section 138 of the 1938 Act was not in point and *that relief could only be granted* under section 146 of the 1925 Act.

If the section 146(5)(b) definition of "lessee" was applied to "the lessee" in section 146(2), it was seen that where a lessor was proceeding to enforce a right of forfeiture *under section 146(1),* an underlessee, no less than the lessee himself, might apply to the court for relief.

It was no longer permissible as a matter of construction to restrict the class of applicants to those who were in privity of contract or estate with the lessor.

That conclusion had the incidental merit of producing an identity among those who could obtain relief under section 146(2) of the 1925 Act, section 38 of the 1981 Act and section 138 of the 1938 Act.

Moreover, Judge Willis had been entitled to exercise his discretion by deciding to proceed under section 146(2) and not under section 146(4). As a general point in such cases, a judge might well *think it inequitable that a landlord* who had received a premium should receive in addition mesne profits vastly exceeding a rent whose minimal rate had been the very means of his acquiring the premiums.

Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Henry agreed.

Solicitors: Morthouse Chevalier and George Ide, Phillips, Bognor Regis; Denton Hall; Veale Wasborough, Bristol.

Grandparents must have leave to seek contact

In re M (Minors in care) (Contact: Grandmother's *application*)

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Simon Brown and Lord Justice Ward

[Judgment March 30]

A grandmother did not have the right to apply for contact with her grandchildren who had been placed in care but had to seek the leave of the court so to apply. The court had to consider the nature of the contact, the connection between the applicant and the child, *any risk of disruption raised by the* application and the wishes of the parents and the local authority.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when allowing the appeal of the maternal grandmother against the dismissal by Mr Justice Cazalet on April 22, 1994, of her application for contact with her two grandchildren who had been placed in care with the local authority, the London Borough of Enfield. The case was remitted for rehearing.

Ms Jane Hoyal for the grandmother; Mr John Reddish for Enfield.

LORD JUSTICE WARD said that section 34 of the Children Act 1989 provided that the local authority had the duty to afford reasonable contact with the child in care to a limited number of people identified in subsection 1(a) to (d) which was confined to parents and others who, broadly speaking, had parental responsibility immediately before the care order was made.

They could apply for contact orders as of right. So could the child. Grandparents were not given that preferential treatment. They and others needed leave.

The court had been urged to rule on that part of the appeal which dealt with the judge's approach to the application as there was apparent divergence of approach to applications for leave to apply for contact orders under section 34 and applications for leave to apply for contact orders under section 10(9) of the Act.

It was quite clear from section 9(1) that section 10(9) did not govern applications for contact to a child in care. But it was equally clear from section 10(9)(d) that children in care could be the object of section 10(9) applications and that had to include an application for a residence order.

If the court were faced with an application by a grandparent for leave to apply for a residence order, alternatively a contact order, it would be anomalous, in his Lordship's judgment, were the court not to take into account for the exercise of the section 34(3) discretion *the criteria specifically* laid out for consideration in section 10(9). Those particular factors were also apposite for section 34(3).

The court of course had to have regard to all the circumstances of the case but it should always have regard at least to:

(a) The nature of the contact which was being sought;

(b) The connection of the applicant to the child, the more meaningful and important the connection was to the child, the greater the weight to be given. Parliament *had* refused to place grandparents in a special category or to accord them special treatment, although by paragraph 15 of Schedule 3, contact between a child and his or her family was assumed to be beneficial;

(c) The crucially significant factor of disruption for the need for stability and security after a child had been taken into care was usually vital, and

(d) The wishes of the parents and the local authority which were material, although not determinative.

That list was not intended to be exhaustive.

In deciding whether or not to grant leave the court should adopt the following approach:

1 If the application was frivolous or vexatious or otherwise an abuse of the process of the court, of course it would fail.

2 If the application for leave failed to disclose that there was any eventual real prospect of success, if those prospects of success were remote so that the application was obviously unsustainable, then it also had to be dismissed.

3 The applicant had to satisfy the court that there was a serious issue to try and present a good arguable case: was there a real issue which the applicant could reasonably ask the court to try, and had he a case which was better than merely *arguable yet not necessarily one* which was better than an even chance of success?

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Simon Brown agreed.

Solicitors: Bernard Pearce & Co, Enfield; Ms Patricia Adley, Enfield.

Restriction on use of information

In re C (Restraint orders: Identification)

Before Mr Justice Ognall

[Judgment February 17]

A defendant who was subject to a restraint order under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 which required him to identify all individuals with whom he had had financial dealings during the previous six years was entitled to be protected from the possibility that the police might collect evidence from such individuals for use against him.

Mr Justice Ognall so held in the Queen's Bench Division when varying a restraint order which read: "No *disclosure* made in compliance with this order shall be used in evidence in the prosecution of an offence alleged to have been committed by [the defendant]" to include the additional words "and no use shall be made in any such *prosecution against [the defendant]* of evidence obtained as a direct result of such disclosure".

The case was heard in chambers and is reported with his Lordship's consent.

Mr Simon Whitehead, solicitor, *for the applicant; Mr Wayne* McKean, CPS lawyer, for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE OGNALL said that on one view of the terms of the paragraph in issue it might be felt that those terms already afforded that protection of the kind which the defendant sought, namely that the words "No disclosure made in compliance with this order shall be used . . ." were sufficiently clear and comprehensive to embrace the contingency envisaged by the defendant.

It was, however, unnecessary to reach a final determination on that matter because Mr McKean acknowledged for present purposes that the paragraph did not of itself comprehensively afford the protection sought by the *defendant.*

Mr McKean argued that use of the material to further some separate and independent criminal prosecution would be ruled out at the trial under the judge's statutory powers and, in particular, the discretion *given to exclude* evidence under section 78(1) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

His Lordship considered *In re O (Restraint order: Disclosure of assets)* ([1991] 2 QB 520) and *A. T. & T. Istel Ltd v Tully* ([1993] AC 45).

In the latter case there was before the court a letter on behalf of the Crown Prosecution Service which was construed in such a way as to indicate that the CPS considered themselves bound and undertook that they would not use material obtained in consequence of the affidavit in any criminal proceedings.

Despite his Lordship's urgings Mr McKean was not prepared to give any such undertaking to the court or to agree that such *undertaking in writing would be furnished* by the police to the defendant. He was content to rely on the discretion under section 78.

The line of authority demonstrated quite conclusively that the courts would not countenance *any inroads into the privilege of* refusing to incriminate oneself unless either it was required by statute that the privilege took second place to a wider public interest or that there was some adequate protection afforded as of the kind envisaged by the letter alluded to in *A. T. & T.*

His Lordship was entirely satisfied that the discretion under section 78 was not to be regarded in law as an adequate and independent safeguard. However much one might had confidence in the *proper exercise of judicial discretion* in presiding over a fair trial, anything that involved reliance on an exercise of discretion on the authorities did not constitute an adequate substitute for the absolute privilege against self-incrimination.

Solicitors: Saunders & Co; CPS, Headquarters.

Judges urged to make allowances

***In re a Barrister* (Wasted Costs Order No 4 of 1993)**

It was important for a judge considering making a wasted costs order, which was a draconian order, to remember that he was removed from the daily demands of practice and to make allowance for difficulties with time estimates.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Auld, Mr Justice Mantell and Mr Justice Sachs) so held on April 6, allowing a barrister's appeal against a wasted costs order of £380 made against him by Judge Pitchers on June 25, 1993 in Nottingham Crown Court.

LORD JUSTICE AULD said that the appellant had accepted a brief for a two-day trial listed at Derby Crown Court immediately prior to another trial in which he was to appear at Nottingham Crown Court.

It was considered particularly important both by the appellant and his instructing solicitors that he have conduct of the second trial, which involved a mentally retarded defendant whose confidence the appellant had gained.

However, the first trial was late starting and progressed more slowly than anticipated. Counsel sent a pupil to ask for an adjournment in the second trial and the judge listed the case for mention so that the appellant could appear to explain why he had not been ready. Having heard the appellant's explanation the judge made a wasted costs order.

The question for *the* court was whether the appellant's conduct had been unreasonable.

Although he had been over-optimistic in failing to anticipate delays in the first trial, his conduct could not be described as *unreasonable. Accordingly the order* would be quashed.

Entitlement to redundancy payment

Boorman v Allmakes Ltd

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Evans and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment April 11]

An ex gratia payment by an employer to an employee that was expressed as incorporating his statutory redundancy entitlement was not to be taken into account under the provisions of section 79(3) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 in calculating compensation for unfair dismissal.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments allowing an appeal by the employee, Mr Robert S. Boorman, from a decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal on May 24, 1993 that had reduced *to nil the amount of compensation* that the employers, Allmakes Ltd, were to pay for *his* unfair dismissal.

Section 79 of the 1978 Act provides: "(3) The amount of the basic award shall be reduced . . . by the amount of any redundancy payment awarded by the tribunal *under Part VI in respect of the* same dismissal or of any payment made by the employer to the employee on the ground that the dismissal was by reason of redundancy . . ."

Mr Boorman in person; Mr *Stuart Baker for the employers.*

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that Mr Boorman had been dismissed from his employment on terms that included his acceptance of £5,000 from the employers that was to incorporate "your statutory *redundancy entitlement". In* August 1992 an industrial tribunal upheld *Mr Boorman's* claim that he had been unfairly dismissed and made a basic award of compensation of £2,079 and a compensatory award of £10,000.

Part of the £5,000 had been expressed to be a payment by the employers on the ground that the dismissal was by reason of redundancy. The question was whether that was enough to bring section 73(9) into play or whether it was also necessary that the dismissal should in fact have been by reason of redundancy.

Section 73(9) could only apply where there had been an unfair dismissal. So the first limb of it contemplated a state of affairs where there had been both redundancy and unfair dismissal, for *example where the employer had* unfairly chosen the employee as *the person to be made redundant.* That first limb could only apply where the dismissal had in fact been by reason of redundancy.

Although with the first limb the wording of the second might have been equivocal, it was impossible *to construe it as applying in* circumstances different from the first. Parliament could not have intended that a reduction in the amount of a basic award should in some cases depend on whether the payment was awarded by a tribunal *or made by an employer.* Like the first, the second limb only applied where the dismissal was in fact by reason of redundancy.

Lord Justice Evans gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Rose agreed.

Solicitors: Silverbeck Rymer, Liverpool.

Highway agreement did not create public rights

Overseas Investment Services Ltd v Simcobuild Construction Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Staughton, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment March 27]

The rights created by an agreement under section 38(3)(b) of the Highways Act 1980 relating to a *future highway over registered* land were not "public rights" within the meaning of section 70(1)(a) of the Land Registration Act 1925 because they were not exercisable by any member of the public.

The *Court of Appeal so held in a* reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Overseas Investment Services Ltd, against the decision of Judge Colyer, QC, sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division on October 22, 1993, that *the rights created on June 23, 1983,* when the second defendant, Swansea City Council, agreed, pursuant to section 38(3) of the 1980 Act, to maintain a highway which was to be constructed, were overriding rights binding on the plaintiff, Overseas Investment Services Ltd, a subsequent purchaser of the land.

Mr Nigel Davis, QC and Mr Tom Bannister for the plaintiffs; Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Mr Robin Campbell for the council.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON said that the issue was whether the rights created by an agreement under section 38(3) of the 1980 Act relating to a future *highway over registered land were* "public rights" within the meaning of section 70(1)(a) of the 1925 Act.

If they were, they were overriding rights and, as such, binding on a subsequent purchaser of the land. If they were not, in the absence of any steps taken by the local highway authority to protect the rights by registration, they were not binding on the purchaser, notwithstanding that when it acquired the land it was aware of the agreement.

The effect of an agreement under section 38(3)(b) of the 1980 Act was to cause a way to become a highway maintainable at the public expense automatically on the specified date, thereby dispensing with the common law requirement that in addition to dedication there should be public acceptance for a way to become a highway.

His Lordship regarded what was said about the term "public rights" in *Megarry and Wade, The Law of Real Property* (5th edition (1984) p844) as accurately expressing the meaning understood by property lawyers: "A public right . . . is a right exercisable by anyone, whether he owns land or not, merely by virtue of the general law."

Having regard to the scheme of the 1925 Act there was no justification for giving "public rights" an extended meaning so as to embrace rights existing for the benefit of the public when not exercisable *by any member of the public.*

It was of course important that a highway authority which entered into a section 38 agreement should be able to protect its interest so as to bind a subsequent purchaser of the land over which the highway was to run. *But it had to be said* that the council had failed to take the protective steps which were available to it.

First, the agreement was not expressed to be made under section 33 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982; if it had been, and it appeared to be common practice now to do so, the covenant to carry out the works would have been binding on the successors in title to the covenantor.

Second, the council had not registered any estate contract as a land charge or lodged any caution under section 54 or notice under section 49 of the 1925 Act.

For those reasons, his Lordship held that the rights created by the *agreement were not public rights* within the meaning of section 70(1)(a) and in consequence did not bind the plaintiffs.

Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Beldam gave concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Morgan Bruce, Swansea; Mr Brian Owen, Swansea.

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Common economic interest insufficient to create a partnership

Dollar Land (Cumbernauld) Ltd v C I N Properties Ltd

Before Lord Coulsfield

[Judgment February 16]

An arrangement whereby a landowner leased his land to a tenant who provided capital for the development of the land by the owner, *which the tenant then sub-leased* to the owner in return for an annual rent, which was defined by a formula that ensured that the tenant received at least that proportion of the rents paid by commercial sub-sub-tenants which was equivalent to the amount of capital provided by him, did not amount to a joint venture between the owner and the tenant. In the absence of other indications of a partnership, the common economic interest of the parties to a commercial *venture* was not sufficient to create a joint venture.

Lord Coulsfield, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, dismissing as irrelevant an action brought by *Dollar Land (Cumbernauld) Ltd* against C I N Properties Ltd for declarator that, inter alia, the parties had formerly been parties in a joint venture for the development and operation of a part of the town centre of Cumbernauld, *and that the joint venture had been* dissolved with effect from June 3, 1992, and for payment of the sum of £4 million, and for an accounting in respect of certain rents due from occupiers of shops in Cumbernauld.

Mr Paul Cullen and Mr David Johnston for Dollar Land; Mr Nigel Emslie, QC and Mr John Wright for C I N.

LORD COULSFIELD said that in 1979 the defenders had entered into *an agreement with* Cumbernauld Development Corporation ("CDC") for the development and operation of a part of Cumbernauld Town Centre. The defenders had advanced money to finance the construction of the project, which had been actually carried out by CDC, who owned the land.

In accordance with the 1979 agreement, CDC had leased the land to the defenders, who had in turn granted a sub-lease in favour of CDC, who were to manage and operate the development.

In 1987, CDC had conveyed to the pursuers their interest as heritable proprietors of the land and had assigned to the pursuers their interest under the sub-lease. The pursuers, however, had failed to make timeous payment of the *rent due to the defenders, who had* accordingly given the notice of their intention to irritate the sub-lease on the ground of non-payment.

Litigation by the parties had been finally determined by the House of Lords (*The Times* May 26, 1992; 1992 SC (HL) 104) in favour of the present defenders, who had consequently enforced the irritancy on June 3, 1992.

The pursuers contended that CDC and the defenders had to all extents and purposes been partners in a joint venture for the commercial exploitation of the development for profit.

The annual rent due to the defenders under the sub-lease had been defined by a formula under which the minimum sum due was to be 77.532 per cent of the occupational rents paid to CDC by occupational tenants of shops in *the developments. That figure was* the defenders' equity proportion.

The pursuers averred that, given that CDC had owned the land and were to lease the development to the occupiers and collect the rents, the purpose of the head lease in *favour of the defenders had been to* constitute security for the capital provided by the defenders, and for their share of the occupational rents.

The pursuers further contended that the effect of the assignation of them of CDC's interest in the land had been to assume them as partners in the joint venture in place of CDC.

It was agreed that there had been no assignation of the 1970 agreement, nor any joint property, joint business name, joint accounts, or joint board or organisation. Nor had there been any liability undertaken to or constituted by any third party against the pursuers and defenders together, and the parties had been taxed separately.

The pursuers' submission was that they were not asking the court to infer any additional contract *separate from or superimposed* upon the deeds which had been entered into, nor to imply or read anything into the deeds. Their case was that the totality of the deeds amounted to a joint venture and that their rights, in the situation which emerged, were governed by partnership law.

Reference had been made to section 1 of the Partnership Act 1890, and to *Adam v Newbigging* ((1888) 13 AC 308), *Cox v Hickman* ((1860) 8 HLC 268), *Bullen v Sharp* ((1865) LR 1 CP 86), *Mollwo, March & Co v Court of Wards* ((1872) LR 4 PC 41), *Walker v Hirsch* ((1884) 27 Ch D 460), *Laing Bros & Co Tr v Low* ((1896) 23 R 1105), *Bruce v Clapham* (1982 SLT 386), *Badely v Consolidated Bank* ((1888) 38 Ch D 238), *Ponderosa International Development Inc v Pingap Securities (Bristol) Ltd* ([1986] 1 EGLR 66), *IRC v Williamson* ((1928) 14 TC 335), *Alexander Bulloch & Co v IRC* ((1976) STC 514) and *White v McIntyre* ((1841) 3 D 334).

There was no one provision or feature which could be said to be absolutely necessary to the existence of a partnership, so that the absence of that feature inevitably negated the existence of a partnership or joint venture.

Nevertheless, as had been *pointed out in Williamson,* a sharing of profits and losses and mutual agency were typical of partnerships, and delectus personae could be said to be a further such feature. The absence of one or even more of those features might *be reconcilable with the existence* of a partnership.

In the present case, however, it seemed to his Lordship that none of them was present. That was a situation which was irreconcilable with the existence of a partnership *or joint venture.*

There was no delectus personae because the lease and sub-lease both provided that consent to an assignation could not be unreasonably refused. There was no sharing of profits because there was no provision for the calculation of profits: there was only a provision for sharing of the fruits of the development, and that provision *was subject to a minimum payment* to the defenders which represented a return on their capital invested, to which they were absolutely entitled. For the same reason, there was no sharing of losses.

As to *mutual* agency, upon which the authorities previously cited placed some stress, there was no trace of that whatsoever at any part of the arrangements. There was no way in which either of the parties could bind the other party *directly to any agreement* whatsoever.

What the pursuers founded upon was the common economic interest of the parties. His Lordship found it difficult to see how that could be regarded as a *sufficient indication of partnership* or joint venture by itself, because some degree of common interest had to be involved in any commer*cial contractual* venture.

Looking at the parties' arrangements as a whole, a commercial relationship had been re-established by means of probative deeds which regulated, in detail, and in every relevant aspect, the parties' *rights and obligations at all stages* of the scheme envisaged.

The arrangement had been constituted as a commercial lease and a sub-lease and was typical of a great number of commercial arrangements in the field of the development and exploitation of property. There was nothing which required one to infer the existence of a partnership in order to make the scheme capable of operating effectively.

It was true that there was one major defect in the scheme, from the point of view of the pursuers, namely that there was no provision for compensation to them for the value of their investment in the case of termination of the sub-lease by an irritancy, as in fact occurred.

If, however, that were to be regarded as sufficient by itself to compel the inference that a partnership had been constituted, the effect would be that in every case of a commercial lease it would be appropriate to infer the existence of a joint venture, so as to import such a right to compensation. To do so would in effect be to place a limitation upon the operation of an irritancy in a commercial lease.

The House of Lords' decision in the earlier case however negatived any such general limitation on irritancy and his Lordship did not think that it would be appropriate to construe the parties' arrangements in such a way as to import such a right.

The pursuers had stated an alternative case that, in the event that there had been no partnership, the defenders had been unjustifiably enriched at their expense. However, no authority had been referred to which would support a claim based on unjust enrichment in the circumstances of the present case.

Law agents: J. & R. A. Robertson, WS, for Alexander Stone & Co, Glasgow; McClure Naismith Anderson & Gardiner.

Inherent power of court to return children to their families

Re L, Petitioners

Before the Lord President (Lord Hope), Lord Allanbridge and Lord Mayfield

[Judgment February 27]

Where a rehearing of evidence concerning whether eight children were in need of compulsory measures of care was ordered, and it was found, contrary to a finding in 1990 and in the light of additional evidence, that the onus of proving that the grounds for referring the children for compulsory measures of care had not been met, the children should be returned to their families as soon as suitable transitional arrangements could be made, and subject only to such delay as might be shown to be *necessary in the children's* interests.

The First Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, appointing a curator ad litem to the children of six parents who had petitioned that nobile officium *of the court and continuing the* petition for further submissions on the steps to be taken to dispose of the case.

Mr Gordon Jackson, QC and Ms Marion Caldwell for the first and second petitioners; Mr Charles Boog-Thomson, QC and Mr Desmond Browne for the third and fourth petitioners; Mr Edward Targowski, QC and Mr John Moir for the fifth and sixth petitioners; Mr Graham Bell, QC and Mr Daniel Kelly for Mr Frederick Kennedy, reporter to the children's panel for Strathclyde Region; Miss Gail Jougnin, QC, for the children's safeguarder.

THE LORD PRESIDENT, delivering a note issued on behalf of the court, said that the children in the case had been taken into care in June 1990. In accordance with section 42 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, a hearing had then taken place before the sheriff at Ayr in order that he might decide whether the grounds for the referral of the children to a *children's hearing had been* established.

The sheriff had held that the grounds had been established in each case and an appeal by one of the three families involved had been unsuccessful. In the ordinary *case that would have been the end* of the matter so far as the question whether the grounds had been established was concerned.

In the present case, however, the Court of Session had taken the step, which could only be taken by the court in exceptional or unforeseen circumstances, of providing a remedy in the exercise of its nobile officium, or inherent power, which had not been provided by Parliament.

The main question had been whether the petitioners could rely on evidence which had not been led at the original hearing before the sheriff which had then been available or could reasonably have been made available.

Their Lordships had taken the view that it would not be appropriate to apply the exacting standard which had been held to be applicable in criminal cases. They had pointed out that the children had not been said to have committed any offence and that, while each of the three families had been represented in the original hearing, the children themselves had never been separately represented.

They had said that the court had to be especially vigilant in those circumstances to see that the children, whose care and welfare *lay at the heart of the case,* were not prejudiced by the application of strict rules drawn from a different context.

As a result, on July 15, 1993 their Lordships had made an order directing the sheriff to consider anew whether the grounds for the *referral had been established and* to exercise of new the powers conferred on him by section 42 of the 1968 Act.

No one, however, should underestimate the difficulties which the court and indeed all the parties had *now* to face as a result of that decision to exercise the inherent power in a situation for which no machinery had been provided by Parliament.

The case had shown that statutory machinery for that should *now be provided. Fortunately the* Children (Scotland) Bill, which was currently before Parliament, would enable that to be done and their Lordships were confident that steps were being taken to introduce the provisions into that Bill to that effect as soon as possible.

But legislation not yet enacted could not help this case. Their Lordships had to continue to deal with it, for as long as might be necessary, in the exercise of the powers available to them under the nobile officium.

When the case had last been before their Lordships in July 1993 they had recognised that, should the sheriff find that the grounds had not been established, careful attention would then require to be *given to the question of how the* supervision requirement under the statute might best be brought to an end and the children returned to their respective families.

Their Lordships had said that it would not be satisfactory for that *requirement to be instantly terminated,* as that might have very undesirable consequences for the children who might not be prepared to face such a sudden change in their circumstances.

For that reason they had di*rected the sheriff to report the case* back to their Lordships before issuing any interlocutor after the proof.

Now, after 152 days of evidence and four days of submissions, the sheriff had provided his report. He *was not persuaded that the reporter* had discharged the onus upon him of showing that the grounds for the referral had been established.

Their Lordships accepted his report, and subject to any submissions which might be made, they proposed in due course and as soon as possible to give effect to his recommendation by authorising him to issue an interlocutor in each case discharging the referral.

It was, however, clear from what the sheriff had told their Lord*ships, that a tragedy of immense* proportions had occurred in this case. More than four and a half years had gone by since the children had been removed from their families in circumstances which the additional evidence had now demonstrated had not justified their removal.

They had now to be reunited with their families, and their Lordships were anxious that that should be achieved without any further lapse of *time than could be* shown to be necessary. But in this very difficult situation the welfare of the children had to be *their* Lordships' prime consideration and they were conscious that speed might be as or even more damag*ing to their best interests* as delay.

Their Lordships would therefore appoint the children's safeguarder as their curator ad litem and direct the parties to make submissions on the future conduct of the case, bearing in mind their Lordships' *foregoing observations.*

Law agents: Macbeth Currie & Co, for Hamilton, Burns & Moore; Gordon & Smyth and J. & A. B. Boyd; Biggart Baillie & Gifford, WS; Brodies, WS, for McMillan Kilpatrick, Ayr.

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LEGAL NOTICES

ROBECO N.V.

(Investment company with a variable capital)

Robeco N.V. announce a cash dividend of Fls 3.52 per ordinary share of Fls 10 (Fls 0.352 per sub share) for the financial year 1994.

BEARER SHARE WARRANTS WITH COUPONS ATTACHED

Coupon No. 93 accompanied by the appropriate claim form should be presented to the Company's Paying Agents, National Westminster Bank PLC, NatWest Investments, Centralised Securities Office, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB on business days between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Claims must be submitted by personal presentation. Postal applications cannot be accepted.

The dividend will be payable at Fls 3.52 per share, less tax as appropriate, as from 28 April 1995 against surrender of Coupon No. 93.

Coupons presented by, or on behalf of, shareholders who are subject to United Kingdom Income Tax will be subject to Netherlands Dividend Tax at the rate of 15% and United Kingdom Income Tax at the rate of 5% on the gross dividend. Forms IB92 GRB will not be required in respect of claims lodged within six months of the payment date. Coupon No. 93 presented on or after 28 October 1995 must be accompanied by a completed Form IB92 GRB duly certified by the individual shareholder's Inspector of Taxes.

If the coupons presented are accompanied by the appropriate certified Forms 92 supplied by residents of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Indonesia (reduction to 20% only), the Republic of Ireland, Israel, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Surinam (reduction to 20% only), Sweden or the United States of America, Netherlands Dividend Tax amounting to 15% will be withheld. Forms 92 VS must be submitted in duplicate, signed by the applicant, but need not be authorised by the US Inspector of Taxes.

Residents of Switzerland can apply for a partial refund by submitting a Form R-NL 1 to Dutch Fiscal Authorities. This form can be obtained from the Eidgenossische Steuerverwaltung, Bern. Reduction to 15%.

Residents of Italy can have a full refund by submitting Form 92 IT, certified by their local Tax Inspector, to the Inspector of Corporation Tax, Wibaut Street, 2-4, Amsterdam with the relevant dividend note.

In all other cases Netherlands Dividend Tax at 25% will be deducted from the Gross dividend.

Exemption from United Kingdom Income Tax may be claimed by lodging the usual affidavit certifying non-residence in the United Kingdom.

SUB-SHARE CERTIFICATES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK (NOMINEES) LIMITED

United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should lodge the special claim form with the National Westminster Bank PLC, NatWest Investments, Centralised Securities Office, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB.

Payment of the dividend must be marked on the reverse side of the certificate in accordance with 'Marking Name' procedures.

Other claimants must also complete the special claim form and present this at the above address together with relevant certificate(s) for marking by the National Westminster Bank PLC.

All claims must be submitted by personal presentation. Postal applications cannot be accepted.

Income Tax requirements will be as shown above for Bearer Share Warrants.

The Record Date is 20 April 1995.

Payment will be made by National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited on or after 28 April 1995 and will be subject to Marking Name commission.

CONVERSION OF DUTCH CURRENCY

The Dutch currency will be converted into sterling on 20 April 1995. A further announcement will be made shortly giving full sterling details of the dividend in respect of Fls 10 ordinary shares and Fls 1 sub-shares.

SHAREHOLDERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Approved Agents in the Republic of Ireland may present coupons to the Company's Paying Agents there, Allied Irish Banks PLC, Registrar's and New Issues Department, Bank Centre, PO Box 954, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

Claims on sub-share Certificates registered in the name of The Munster and Leinster Bank Nominees Limited should be lodged with Allied Irish Banks PLC, Registrar's and New Issues Department, Bank Centre, PO Box 954, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

CONVERSION OF BEARER SHARE WARRANTS AND SUB-SHARE CERTIFICATES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK (NOMINEES) LIMITED

The Company is offering holders of Bearer Share Warrants (K-Certificates) and Sub-Share Certificates the opportunity to have their certificates converted into CF-Form to be administered by their bank, or other suitable institution.

This action is being taken in an attempt to reduce the cost of distributing dividends. The CF system uses more efficient and cost effective methods than those presently employed in the paying of dividends on Bearer Share Warrants (K-Certificates) and Sub-Share Certificates. It is also a very secure method of holding shares.

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Exchange Forms and further information on the conversion can be obtained by writing to National Westminster Bank PLC, NatWest Investments, Centralised Securities Office, PO Box No 10, National Westminster House, Station Way, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1JE or telephoning National Westminster Bank PLC on (01293) 653241 or 653224.

Further information can also be obtained from Robeco UK Limited, 4 Carlos Place, Mayfair, London W1Y 5AE, Telephone (0171) 409 3507.

The contents of this notice in respect of the conversion have been approved for the purposes of Section 57 of the Financial Services Act 1986 by National Westminster Bank PLC.

21 April 1995

ROLINCO N.V.

(Investment company with a variable capital)

Rolinco N.V. announce a cash dividend of Fls 1.88 per ordinary share of Fls 10 (Fls 0.188 per sub share) for the financial year 1994.

BEARER SHARE WARRANTS WITH COUPONS ATTACHED

Coupon No.35 accompanied by the appropriate claim form should be presented to the Company's Paying Agents, National Westminster Bank PLC, NatWest Investments, Centralised Securities Office, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB on business days between the hours of 10.00 a.m and 2.00 p.m. Claims must be submitted by personal presentation. Postal applications cannot be accepted.

The dividend will be payable at Fls 1.88 per share, less tax as appropriate, as from 28 April 1995 against surrender of Coupon No. 35.

Coupons presented by, or on behalf of, shareholders who are subject to United Kingdom Income Tax will be subject to Netherlands Dividend Tax at the rate of 15% and United Kingdom Income Tax at the rate of 5% on the gross dividend. Forms IB92 GRB will not be required in respect of claims lodged within six months of the payment date. Coupon No.35 presented on or after 28 October 1995 must be accompanied by a completed Form IB92 GRB duly certified by the individual shareholder's Inspector of Taxes.

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Last-green putting miscalculation cuts Scot adrift

Montgomerie's mistake adds up to water torture

From Mel Webb
in Cannes

Montgomerie, whose error on the 18th green spoilt an impressive putting display

IT WAS only on Wednesday that Ian Woosnam said that he would give £1 million to have Colin Montgomerie's putting stroke. As Woosnam stood on the balcony of his house overlooking the 18th at Royal Mougins yesterday afternoon, he might just have changed his mind as he watched Montgomerie putt clear across the green and into a large lake.

Montgomerie had got his score to four under par in the first round of the Air France Cannes Open when he came to the par-five last, and the putt that put him in deep water was for an eagle after he had pounded a drive and a three-wood almost 520 yards onto the green. Sixty feet it had to travel, across two ridges, and down another 30 feet to the flag.

If he had made it, it would have left him a shot off the lead. Instead, he had to take his punishment like a man after watching, horrified, as his ball hurtled past the flag and into the water. In such circumstances, there were but two things he could have done — thrown himself into the lake after the errant *balata* or laugh. It is pleasant to report that Montgomerie, who can sometimes be of uncertain temper when things do not go right, cracked open a bemused chuckle.

FIRST ROUND

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

EARLY SCORES: 64: J Van de Velde (Fr). 65: A Bossert (Switz). 66: A Coltart, O Sellberg (Swe), D Hospital (Sp), J Bland (SA). 67: J Lomas, R Boxall, I Woosnam, J Robson, A Binaghi (It), N Fasth (Swe), O Rogahn (Nor), M Roberts. 68: R Chapman, I Palmer (SA), A Hunter, S McAllister, E Giraud (Fr), D Robertson, P Moloney (Aus), C Montgomerie, P-U Johansson (Swe), M Harwood (Aus). 69: J Sandelin (Swe), P Hedblom (Swe), I Garrido (Sp), P O'Malley (Aus), M Campbell (NZ), M Pinero (Sp), E Canonica (It), F Nobilo (NZ), P Fulke (Swe). 70: M-A Martin (Sp), M James, D Gilford, S Torrance, R Drummond, M Miller, S Cage, R McFarlane, M Roe, G Turner (NZ), R Rafferty, S Tinning (Den), D Curry.

"These things happen," he said after almost chipping in under penalty from the edge of the green and finishing with a bogey six and a 68, three under par. "What am I saying? These things don't happen at all. It's the first time I've done anything like that, and I probably won't be the last to do it on these greens this week, but I won't be doing it again.

"It would have been a good five if I'd holed the chip, and I thought I'd made it. Still, it's not a total disaster. I'm playing well, I've still got a decent score. I'll just have to get it going tomorrow."

The remarkable thing about Montgomerie's gaffe was that, to that point, he had putted beautifully on the glass-fast and tortuously contoured Royal Mougins greens.

He sank ten-foot putts for birdies on the 2nd, 6th and 10th, hit the ball to 12 inches for another birdie at the 11th, and went to five under par with a 25-footer at the 14th. Until the high farce at the last, his only error came at the 16th, where he made his first acquaintance with the water when he pushed his drive to the right and into a hazard on the way to a bogey five.

Montgomerie finished four shots off a hot pace being set by Jean Van de Velde, who had a flawless, seven-birdie round of 64 to lead in the clubhouse a shot ahead of André Bossert and two in front of a large group containing Andrew Coltart, the young Scot.

Woosnam, meanwhile, was in a black mood from the moment he arrived at the course. It was not that he was particularly unhappy about anything — it was the shirt that did it.

Woosnam was clad in a natty black number as he strode purposefully to a 67 to keep himself in touch. Watching him, the memory flitted back to another small but great performer who had a liking for black.

All his life, Gary Player has espoused pet theories about things, and one of the more unlikely was his explanation for wearing black — it absorbed the heat of the sun, he claimed, and made him feel stronger, more alive.

How neat it would be if Woosnam had similarly high-flown reasons for his preference for the colour of night, but, alas, the truth was more prosaic, and it went thus: "It makes me feel slimmer." Although not a cruel man, the chunky little Welshman might have pointed out to his burly Ryder Cup colleague a few hours later that, overweight or not, at least he is not in the habit of putting straight into the drink.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Dealer East **East-West game** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠ 8 4
♥ 10 8 3
♦ K Q J 5 4
♣ J 9 5

West:
♠ Q J 9 7 5 2
♥ Q 5 4
♦ 9
♣ A 6 4

East:
♠ A K 10
♥ K 7 6
♦ A 10 8 7
♣ Q 7 3

South:
♠ 6 3
♥ A J 9 2
♦ 6 3 2
♣ K 10 8 2

W	N	E	S
-	-	1 NT	Pass
4♠	All Pass		

Contract: Four Spades by West **Lead: King of diamonds**

This deal is from the late Hugh Kelsey's book, *Winning Card Play*. Yesterday, I gave just the East-West hands; for once, you will have to put up with West being the declarer.

You take the ace of diamonds. You have nine tricks — six spades, one heart, one diamond and one club. Instead of trying to find a tenth by playing for the king of clubs onside, or hoping that somebody has the doubleton ace of hearts, all you have to do is cross to the ace of spades and play the ten of diamonds, discarding a club.

North wins and, if he plays a club, you put up the queen of clubs and win East's king with the ace. You play a second trump to dummy, all following.

Now, you play a third round of diamonds, discarding your second small club. The effect of this loser-on-loser play is that, instead of losing two club tricks, you have lost two diamonds, but, in the process, the seven of diamonds has become established as your tenth trick.

All the defence get are two diamonds and the ace of hearts. If North switches to a heart after taking his first diamond trick, you win the queen in hand, but, this time, you discard a heart on the third round of diamonds.

Loser-on-loser play is sometimes used in a type of squeeze technique called "transferring the menace", which will be described in a future column.

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Love of risk

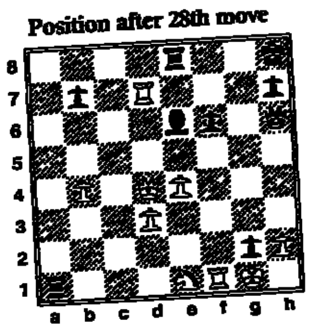
Garry Kasparov, the PCA world champion, has moved into the lead in the Mikhail Tal Memorial tournament in Riga. His score of five points from six games is largely based on his willingness to take risks win with Black. Against Yusupov, this policy paid off when the Russian Grandmaster permitted his queen to be trapped in the heart of Black's camp. Against Vaganian, though, Kasparov's high-risk policy could have cost him dear if Vaganian had found the correct course.

White: Rafael Vaganian
Black: Garry Kasparov
Tal Memorial Riga, April 1995

English Opening

1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	g3	Bg7
4	Bg2	0-0
5	Nc3	d6
6	0-0	e5
7	d3	Re8
8	Rb1	a5
9	a3	c6
10	b4	axb4
11	axb4	d5
12	cxd5	cxd5
13	Bg5	Be6
14	e4	d4
15	Nd5	Nbd7
16	Nxf6+	Bxf6
17	Bxf6	Qxf6
18	Qd2	Kg7
19	Ne1	g5
20	f4	gxf4
21	gxf4	Qh6
22	Qf2	f6
23	Rc1	Kh8
24	Rc7	Ra2
25	Rc2	Ra1
26	Rc7	exf4
27	Rxd7	f3
28	Qxf4	fxg2

Position after 28th move



29	Nxg2	Rxf1+
30	Kxf1	Qc1+
31	Kf2	Bxd7
32	Qxd7	Rg8
33	Qh3	Qd2+
34	Kf1	Qxb4
35	Qe3	Qb2

White resigns

Here is the vital position. In the diagram, instead of playing 29, Nxg2, Vaganian could have defeated Kasparov by means of 29. Rxf6 Rxe1+; 30. Rf1, giving discovered check from the queen.

Karpov in London

Anatoly Karpov, the FIDE world champion, is at the Albert Hall today to accept the award given by the International Chess Writers' Association for the best performance of 1994. This was his record-breaking tournament victory at Linares in Spain.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

ZIGEUNER
a. Switzerdeutsch breakfast
b. A cross-country skier
c. A gypsy

YANTRA
a. A diagram for worship
b. A Japanese wooden derrick
c. A cereal grass

TERRAGLIA
a. An offshore wind
b. Italian Home Guard
c. Cream-coloured earthenware

SHIATSU
a. A dog like a mop
b. A folding bed
c. Deep massage

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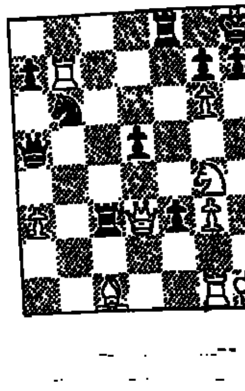
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



This position is from the game Bronstein — Geller, Soviet Union, 1961. How did White power his way through in this seemingly chaotic situation?

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Alan Lee on the prospects for the summer of '95

Warwickshire players celebrate the last leg of their unique treble after winning the Sunday League title at Bristol

DERBYSHIRE

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance county championship: 17th. NatWest Trophy: Quarter-finals. Benson and Hedges Cup: Quarter-finals. AXA Equity & Law league: 8th

KIM BARNETT speaks caustically about his team's shortcomings last year, when it finished one place off the foot of the championship, and he may have to polish a few sharp adjectives for the coming season, too. As usual, Derbyshire will be competitive in one-day cricket, but for four-day games they lack depth of batting and variety of bowling. Malcolm, DeFreitas and Cork is an enviable seam attack, but two of them, at least, will be absent at times on England duty.

The support bowling is thin, and spin almost non-existent now that Vandrau has decided to stay in South Africa. Barnett's leg spin will have to be pressed into service again. The loss of Morris and Bowler in the past 18 months has weakened the batting, and Daryl Cullinan is a speculative pick as overseas player. Adrian Rollins is the best young hope on a staff geared for too long towards overs cricket.

1995 STAFF: C J Adams, P Aldred, K J Barnett (captain), S J Base, D G Cork, D J Cullinan (overseas), P A J DeFreitas, F A Griffith, A J Harris, K M Krikken, B J M Maher, D E Malcolm, T J G O'Gorman, J E Owen, A Richardson, A S Rollins, I G S Steer, M Taylor, T A Tweats, A E Warner, C M Wells.

DURHAM

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance county championship: 16th. NatWest Trophy: Second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Second round. AXA Equity & Law league: 9th.

WITH a new captain, new overseas player and even a new ground, Durham can begin 1995 more positively than any of their previous three seasons. Geoff Cook says the mood of the club will benefit from having a headquarters at Chester-le-Street, where the Riverside ground is officially opened against Warwickshire in mid-May.

Cook, the director of cricket, is also rightly enthusiastic about the acquisition of Micky Roseberry, a home-bred, as captain. Roseberry and John Morris should ensure runs are scored quickly and the advent of Manoj Prabhakar in the middle order will give the batting solidity. This could be the year for two local lads, Daley and Hutton.

Taking wickets will tax Durham more, for too much will depend on Brown and Wood. Boiling is a good signing from Surrey as senior spinner.

1995 STAFF: P Bainbridge, M M Betts, S D Birbeck, D A Blenkiron, J Boiling, S J E Brown, D M Cox, J A Daley, S Hutton, W Larkins, D G C Ligertwood, J I Longley, S Lugsden, J E Morris, M Prabhakar (overseas), M A Roseberry (captain), M Saxelby, C W Scott, J P Searle, A Walker, R M S Weston, P J Wilcock, J Wood.

ESSEX

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance county championship: 6th. NatWest Trophy: Second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Quarter-finals. AXA Equity & Law league: 17th

GONE are the days when success and prosperity came unquestioned. Now, Essex are even losing good players against their will, and this will be a summer that tells much about their ability to take a few unaccustomed punches.

Only out of the top six twice in the past 12 years, Essex must make do without the batting of Knight, Stephenson and Shahid from last season, and will be mighty glad of Gooch's full-time availability. Prichard and Hussain, newly appointed as captain and vice-captain, must improve greatly upon their output, but with Mark Waugh back as overseas player, the batting does not lack for class.

The two Darrens, batsman Robinson and seam bowler Cousins, are the youngsters to watch, but look out, too, for Ronnie Irani. Such and Childs remain among the best spin duos in the country, but Ilott must stay fit.

1995 STAFF: S J W Andrew, D W Ayres, J H Childs, D M Cousins, A P Cowan, N A Derbyshire, M A Garnham, G A Gooch, A J E Hibbert, N Hussain, M C Ilott, R C Irani, G A Khan, J J B Lewis, R M Pearson, P J Prichard (captain), C I O Ricketts, D D J Robinson, R J Rollins, P M Such, M E Waugh (overseas), N F Williams.

GLAMORGAN

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance County championship: 18th. NatWest Trophy: Quarter-finals. Benson and Hedges Cup: Second round. AXA Equity & Law league: 7th.

SO WAS it just a freak, after all? Two summers ago Glamorgan won the Sunday League and were a gallant third in the championship. Last year they reverted to type, equalling the record fall by dropping 15 places to bottom of the championship and failing to impress in any of the other competitions. It was a shocking anti-climax for their thousands of new members and led to a cruel chorus of "I told you so". They did have injuries, and they did not have Vivian Richards, but there was more to it than that and Hugh Morris, the captain, has a big job at hand to regenerate the mood of 1993.

Even if the batting is restored to health the bowling is good enough only for one-day durability. Kendrick has been signed to help Croft in the spin department but Watkin and Barwick, great servants that they are, will frighten nobody now.

1995 STAFF: S R Barwick, G P Butcher, P A Cottey, R D B Croft, A Dale, A J Dalton, A R Davies, O D Gibson (overseas), D L Hemp, S P James, P S Jones, N M Kendrick, R P Lefebvre, M P Maynard, C P Metson, H Morris (captain), [illegible] T Parker, B S Phelps, [illegible], A Roseberry, A D Shaw, S D Thomas, S L Watkin, J R A Williams.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance County championship: 12th. NatWest Trophy: First round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Second round. AXA Equity & Law league: 18th

BRISTOL has been a cheerless place for cricket folk, these past few years, and yet again it will only be the lure of the Cheltenham festival that will makes watching Gloucestershire bearable. As to trophies, sad to say they have no chance whatever. But for Courtney Walsh they would have looked just about the worst side in the country last summer and now, with no Walsh, there may also be no hiding place.

Although David Boon ducked out on them, some encouragement is available from the two overseas signings, only one of whom — the Indian, Javagal Srinath — is deemed foreign. Andrew Symonds, born in Birmingham but now determinedly Australian, ludicrously holds an English qualification. Gloucestershire cannot be blamed for this — some other club would have had him if they had not. Matt Windows is a batsman to watch but who will take the wickets?

1995 STAFF: M W Alleyne, J M M Averis, M C J Ball, D J P Boden, M J Cawdron, K E Cooper, R J Cunliffe, M Davies, R I Dawson, T H C Hancock, D R Hewson, G D Hodgson, M A Lynch, V J Pike, R C Russell (captain), K P Sheeraz, A M Smith, J Srinath (overseas), A Symonds, J G Whitby-Coles, R C Williams, R C J Williams, M G N Windows, A J Wright.

HAMPSHIRE

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance County championship: =13th. NatWest Trophy: Second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Semi-finals. AXA Equity & Law league: 12th.

IT IS too soon to be confident but there are signs that things are on the move at Southampton, and not just involving the county club's projected uprooting to a new headquarters. Mark Nicholas, starting his 11th and possibly final year as captain, says he is "excited" about Hampshire's prospects. John Stephenson's arrival from Essex, as experienced all-rounder and would-be captain, is one positive step and the signing of the fast bowler Heath Streak, from Zimbabwe, could be another. He already has a Test record of some merit and will prosper under the tuition of the club's new bowling coach, one Malcolm Marshall. Jim Bovill, young and strong with the ability to bowl outswing, will share the new ball with Streak and if Robin Smith translates his international frustrations into runs Hampshire followers could have some fun.

1995 STAFF: A N Aymes, L J Botham, J N B Bovill, C A Connor, N G Cowans, R Dibben, D P J Flint, M Garaway, D Goldstream, K D James, M Keech, W S Kendall, J S Laney, R J Maru, T C Middleton, R S M Morris, M C J Nicholas (captain), L Savident, R A Smith, J P Stephenson, H H Streak (overseas), V P Terry, D Thomas, M J Thursfield, G Treagus, S D Udal, P R Whitaker, G W White

KENT

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance County championship: 9th. NatWest Trophy: Semi-finals. Benson and Hedges Cup: Quarter-finals. AXA Equity & Law league: 3rd.

THE omens for Kent are not good. They have won nothing since 1978, they are without the inspiring Carl Hooper for a year, they have two talented but woefully accident-prone fast bowlers and their captain suffered such dismal form last summer that some believed him about to retire. But that same captain, Mark Benson, believes that the rare lack of anticipation at a Canterbury infamous for its myopic patronage could work in his side's favour after so many seasons of apparently unfulfilled potential. We shall see.

Prospects of a tilt at the championship depend on Igglesden and McCague staying fit and maintaining form and on Patel continuing to develop as a composed left-arm spinner. The batting is much as before, with Aravinda de Silva deputising for Hooper. Left-hander Matthew Walker, could claim a regular place.

1995 STAFF: M R Benson (captain), G R Cowdrey, P A de Silva (overseas), M A Ealham, M V Fleming, D P Fulton, D W Headley, S Herzberg, A P Igglesden, N J Llong, M J McCague, S A Marsh, M M Patel, C Penn, N W Preston, E J Stanford, N R Taylor, J B D Thompson, M J Walker, T R Ward, S C Willis, T N Wren.

LANCASHIRE

LAST YEAR. Britannic Assurance County championship. 10th. NatWest Trophy: Second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Second round. AXA Equity & Law league. 4th

THERE is great talent at Old Trafford — possibly more than at any other club — but in recent seasons the players have shamefully spurned the hard road to the championship and preferred the easier pickings of one-day cricket. This must change, for Lancashire as a club deserves better. Mike Watkinson expects to enjoy his second summer as captain rather more than his tentative first and is in no doubt they have a squad to win honours.

Wasim Akram is a precious possession but no longer quite so vital with Chapple and Martin progressing well. Keedy, signed from Yorkshire, could hold down a spin place. Atherton, Gallian, Crawley and Fairbrother will form a truly formidable top four.

This really might be their year, but then it has been said too often before. First, they have to want it enough.

1995 STAFF: M A Atherton, I D Austin, A A Barnett, [illegible] Brown, G Chapple, J P Crawley, N H Fairbrother, A Flintoff, J E R Gallian, P J Green, M E Harvey, [illegible] P Harvey, W K Hegg, G Keedy, G D Lloyd, P McKeown, [illegible] Marland, P J Martin, P J Seal, D J Shadford, N J Speak, D J Thompson, [illegible] Titchard, Wasim Akram (overseas), M Watkinson (captain), N T Wood, G Yates

LEICESTERSHIRE

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance County championship: 2nd. NatWest Trophy: Second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Second round. AXA Equity & Law league: 10th

FOR ALL the efforts made to give it a facelift, there is still something about the Grace Road ground that deflates the spirits, which might help explain the general astonishment at Leicestershire mounting the only sustained challenge to Warwickshire in last year's championship. One must also consider the players concerned, for the pulse does not quicken at the mention of Briers, Wells and Parsons, before admitting that it was a pretty remarkable effort by a basically ordinary side. Can they repeat it, even go one better? It seems doubtful. They are, however, an admirable team unit, moulded by Briers and Jack Birkenshaw and epitomised by the versatile Wells.

Hansie Cronje should improve the batting, after a summer's experience in England while Millns and Mullally again hold the key to the bowling. But Leicestershire are not alone in lacking a match-winning spin bowler.

1995 STAFF: [illegible], T J Boon, N E Briers (captain), M T Brimson, W J Cronje (overseas), C C Crowe, J M Dakin, [illegible], [illegible], G I Macmillan, D L Maddy, T J Mason, D J Millns, A D Mullally, P A Nixon, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, P E Robinson, A Sheriyar, B F Smith, [illegible] Sutcliffe, V J Wells, J J Whitaker

MIDDLESEX

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance County championship: 4th. NatWest Trophy: Second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Second round. AXA Equity & Law league: 14th

AT THEIR best, Middlesex are noisy, exuberant and irrepressible — the best bowling side in the country and a match for most with the bat, too. But they never threatened a trophy last season and must now cope without their long-term opening pair, Haynes and Roseberry. Gatting, whose captaincy is rivalled for longevity only by that of Kim Barnett, speaks of opening himself, with the left-handed Pooley, leaving Ramprakash and Carr to supervise the middle-order.

Carr was a revelation last year, his last seven innings producing 854 runs and he must now be forgiven for the country's ugliest stance. There are plenty of talented youngsters on the books but the bowling will be in familiar hands, Fraser and Johnson doing the donkey-work and Emburey, Weekes and Tufnell sharing the spin. Too many injuries or Test calls could mean another barren year.

1995 STAFF: K R Brown, J D Carr, K P Dutch, J E Emburey, P Farbrace, M A Feltham, D Follett, A R C Fraser, M W Gatting (captain), G A R Harris, J C Harrison, R L Johnson, A A Khan, K Marc, D C Nash, D J Nash (overseas), J C Pooley, T A Radford, M R Ramprakash, U B A Rashid, O A Shah, K J Shine, C W Taylor, P C R Tufnell, P N Weekes, R S Yeabsley.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance County championship: 5th. NatWest Trophy: Quarter-finals. Benson and Hedges Cup: First round. AXA Equity & Law league: 13th.

THE old football stand and floodlight pylons have gone, thank heavens, but if the County Ground now looks a fitter place for cricket the team is looking for fresh direction. Phil Neale's brief tenure as manager has ended, Allan Lamb's long spell as captain is into its final year and nobody knows whether Curtly Ambrose will ever be seen at the club again. Neale has not been replaced, so Lamb is fully in charge and it was his initiative to sign Anil Kumble, the Indian leg spinner, in Ambrose's place. But all concerned admit that Kumble, who arrives in town today, is a gamble.

Lamb, Bailey and Curran are the backbone of the batting with Loye, Warren and Montgomerie the next generation. There is great interest in David Sales, 17, described by one distinguished old boy of the club as a second Peter May.

1995 STAFF: C S Atkins, R J Bailey, S A J Boswell, M N Bowen, J F Brown, D J Capel, N G B Cook, K M Curran, I Dawood, A Fordham, M J Foster, J G Hughes, K J Innes, A Kumble (overseas), A J Lamb (captain), M B Loye, N A Mallender, R R Montgomerie, A L Penberthy, D Ripley, A R Roberts, D J Roberts, D J G Sales, J N Snape, M V Steele, A J Swann, J P Taylor, T C Walton, R J Warren.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance County championship: 3rd. NatWest Trophy: Second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Quarter-finals. AXA Equity & Law league: 11th

IF THE fitness of Chris Cairns and Chris Lewis's temperament could both be trusted, Nottinghamshire would be worth backing for the championship in what could be an open year. Both, however, remain imponderables. Cairns has not yet bowled competitively at full pace since returning from a knee injury and played no Test cricket in the winter. Lewis, whose desire to play in London has long been known, asked to leave last autumn but, either bravely or foolishly, they refused him. Tim Robinson, the captain, believes he knows Lewis's quirks and moods well enough to ensure his commitment.

Certainly, if he can play the entire season as he finished last summer and performed for England in Australia, he will transform the side. Expect Matt Dowman to establish a batting place and Usman Afzaal, 17, to impress with his left-arm spin.

1995 STAFF: J A Afford, U Afzaal, G F Archer, C Banton, R T Bates, M Broadhurst, C L Cairns (overseas), R J Chapman, M P Dowman, K P Evans, M G Field-Buss, B N French, J E Hindson, P Johnson, C C Lewis, G W Mike, M Newell, W M Noon, D B Pennett, R A Pick, P R Pollard, R T Robinson (captain), L N P Walker, J R Wileman

SOMERSET

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance county championship: 11th. NatWest Trophy: Quarter-finals. Benson and Hedges Cup: First round. AXA Equity & Law league: 16th

NO TEAM can fully recover from losing their first eight competitive matches, as Somerset did last year, and it was some achievement that they clambered onto the fringes of the title race in August. They are far better than that and, at 40-1, are good outsiders for the championship.

Close-season activity has traded a seasoned bowler, Neil Mallender (now back at Northampton) for a prolific batsman in Peter Bowler, who will be vice-captain but will not open. Somerset already have the country's most exciting first-wicket pair in Lathwell and Trescothick, and Bowler's job will be to strengthen a middle order that was previously the side's fragility.

Lathwell is refreshed by his free winter and, significantly, Caddick is fit after a shin operation. In English conditions he is an incisive bowler, and if van Troost's speed can be harnessed profitably with Mushtaq Ahmed's wiles, Somerset have an attack to swoon over.

1995 STAFF: J D Batty, P D Bowler, A R Caddick, M Dimond, S C Ecclestone, J C Hallett, R J Harden, A N Hayhurst (captain), P C L Holloway, J I D Kerr, M N Lathwell, Mushtaq Ahmed (overseas), K A Parsons, G D Rose, M E Trescothick, H R J Trump, R J Turner, A P van Troost.

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance county championship: 7th. NatWest Trophy: Semi-finals. Benson and Hedges Cup: Semi-finals. AXA Equity & Law league: 8th.

A TEAM needs more than flair and instinct to win a championship, and the modern Surrey side has been woefully short on the necessary resolution. They led the table to the end of July last year but those who know them of old were confident they would falter. Sure enough, they did it in style, losing three successive games by an innings.

Now that Waqar Younis has been discounted again, it is difficult to see anything changing. Benjamin will take his share of wickets but the fitness of Martin Bicknell and the advancing years of Pigott are worries. As for spin, they have none bar the rookie off breaks of Andy Smith. If they cannot bowl sides out regularly — and even Waqar's replacement, Carl Rackemann, will not do that every week — then the heavy artillery batting of Stewart, Thorpe, Brown and Hollioake will be for nothing, at least in the four-day event.

1995 STAFF: M R Bainbridge, J E Benjamin, D J Bicknell, M P Bicknell, A D Brown, M A Butcher, J M de la Pena, A J Hollioake, B Hollioake, S G Kenlock, G J Kennis, G J Kersey, J Knott, R W Nowell, A C S Pigott, C G Rackemann (overseas), J D Ratcliffe, N F Sargeant, N Shahid, O M Slipper, A W Smith, A J Stewart (captain), G P Thorpe, A J Tudor, D M Ward.

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance county championship: 8th. NatWest Trophy: First round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Second round. AXA Equity & Law league: 15th.

LET down by their bowling in 1993 and their batting last year, Sussex would be a threat to all if they could put their whole game together consistently. They have the talent, and perhaps now they have the maturity and self-belief. Nobody managed 1,000 runs in the championship last season and the shortfall carried into one-day cricket. Wells, the captain, and Speight had lean years, but will surely come again. Athey and Lenham can develop their opening pairing, given prolonged fitness, but the batting does *tail off worryingly.*

Not so the bowling, potentially among the best attacks. Stephenson has won a reprieve as overseas player, despite the availability of Drakes, and remains a formidable spearhead. Giddins is improving fast, and Jarvis is a class act. Lewry and Phillips are on the way up; the same may be said of Sussex.

1995 STAFF: C W J Athey, J J Bates, A D Edwards, E S H Giddins, K Greenfield, J W Hall, E E Hemmings, S Humphries, P W Jarvis, R J Kirtley, D R Law, N J Lenham, J D Lewry, P Moores, K Newell, M Newell, J A North, N C Phillips, M T E Peirce, C C Remy, I D K Salisbury, D M Smith, M P Speight, F D Stephenson (overseas), A P Wells (captain).

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance county championship: Winners. NatWest Trophy: Runners-up. Benson and Hedges Cup: Winners. AXA Equity & Law league: Winners.

A MEASURE of anti-climax is almost assured, but that need not mean Warwickshire are set for a poor year — it is just that they surely cannot match the three trophies and one near miss of 1994. There is no Lara, but Donald is almost as likely a matchwinner in what will be his last season at Edgbaston. There is also no Bob Woolmer, and the absence of his innovation and enthusiasm as coach will be felt. Phil Neale has a hard act to follow.

The captain, Dermot Reeve, loves to analyse and improvise, and much may depend on the gelling of his new liason with Neale. They have had a start together in South Africa, but complications have arisen already, with Munton, the outstanding bowler last summer, out until at least mid-May after a back operation. Small must now stay fit, or responsibility will rest on the back-up bowlers, Welch and Brown.

1995 STAFF: D A Altree, Asif Din, M A V Bell, D R Brown, M Burns, R P Davis, A A Donald (overseas), A Frost, A F Giles, W G Khan, N V Knight, A J Moles, T A Munton, D P Ostler, T L Penney, K J Piper, M J Powell, D A Reeve (captain), A Singh, G C Small, N M K Smith, P A Smith, R G Twose, S Vestergaard, G Welch.

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance county championship: 15th. NatWest Trophy: Winners. Benson and Hedges Cup: Runners-up. AXA Equity & Law league: 2nd.

THEY remain a worthy one-day team, but their fall to fifteenth place in the championship last year may not easily be reversed without an injection of new blood. The bowling attack looks long in the tooth, and if Hick spends half the summer with England, Curtis and Moody must carry the batting. But the same could be said of Worcestershire last year, and the year before that, and their record decries such doubts.

Curtis is not the most adventurous of captains but now has invaluable help from Dave Houghton, who will spend most of his summer coaching the senior side. If the seam attack is to have a fresh cutting edge, either Brinkley or Wylie, preferably both, must establish themselves after long injury absences. Illingworth remains the senior spin bowler but could face a challenge from Vikram Solanki.

1995 STAFF: J E Brinkley, M J Church, T S Curtis (captain), T Edwards, S W K Ellis, C J Eyers, G R Haynes, G A Hick, R K Illingworth, S R Lampitt, D A Leatherdale, P Mirza, T M Moody (overseas), P J Newport, B E A Preece, N V Radford, S J Rhodes, V S Solanki, K R Spiring, C M Tolley, C R Wardle, W P C Weston, A Wylie.

LAST YEAR: Britannic Assurance county championship: equal 13th. NatWest Trophy: Second round. Benson and Hedges Cup: Second round. AXA Equity & Law league: 5th

DARREN GOUGH'S cherubic features beam out from every scrap of Yorkshire's pre-season publicity and the interest in the club *is higher than for years.* They are cashing in on an embryonic national hero, and good luck to them, but it will take more than one man to revitalise a side that has finished in the top half of the championship only once since 1980. Paradoxically, there are reasons to fear for Gough — injury and over-exposure among them — but fewer to fear for Yorkshire. Vaughan, Grayson, Stemp and Silverwood should all improve again and establish regular places.

After being jettisoned by the Australian selectors, Bevan will not be short of motivation in the overseas role and should, along with Moxon and Byas, provide a steady supply of runs. Yorkshire might easily enjoy enough one-day success to begin believing in their own publicity.

1995 STAFF: M G Bevan (overseas), R J Blakey, D Byas, C A Chapman, D Gough, A P Grayson, G M Hamilton, P J Hartley, S A Kellett, R A Kettleborough, A McGrath, A A Metcalfe, S M Milburn, A C Morris, M D Moxon (captain), B Parker, M A Robinson, C J Schofield, C E W Silverwood, R D Stemp, M P Vaughan, A G Wharf, C White.

Dismal display of champions contrasts with self-belief of England A

Reeve delays Warwickshire's demise

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

EDGBASTON (third day of four): Warwickshire, with one second-innings wicket in hand, need 58 to avoid an innings defeat by England A

THE converted and the curious lured along to Edgbaston this week by the phenomenal deeds of Warwickshire must have gone home bewildered. The team that bestrode last summer, achieving more in one domestic cricket season than had ever been dreamt of, have blundered through their celebration match as if still suffering the hangover.

The triple champions were almost beaten with a day to spare and, though the opposition is worthy and impressive, Warwickshire's contribution to the occasion has been wretched. If they seek consolation, it is that their graph can only rise after this.

Quite the most poignant sight yesterday was of Bob Woolmer, the motivational force behind the season of domination, posing for farewell photographs on the pavilion balcony. He heads back to South Africa today and his bequest to Phil Neale, the new director of coaching, does not seem quite so enviable. Indeed, Neale is supervising the England A side this week and he may switch dressing-rooms with some trepidation.

The up side of this match has been the demonstrable self-belief of Neale's winter touring team. Their success in India was laudable, but, from a distance, difficult to assess. Here, however, none can doubt the purpose and unity of their cricket, nor the talent therein. Two of their number have played Test cricket already and will again; it will be a surprise if at least two more do not do so this summer.

Paul Nixon might eventually join this number, but not yet awhile. The Leicestershire wicketkeeper, whose heavy run-scoring gives him more chance than most of displacing Steve Rhodes in the England side, had his left index finger broken while batting on Wednesday evening and will miss at least the first month of the county season.

Unsurprisingly, the injury was inflicted by Allan Donald, the one Warwickshire bowler of consistent menace and ill rewarded by his figures of one for 68. When he was not bowling, batting looked a serene occupation, despite the malign nature of an uneven pitch that will have disappointed Steve Rouse, the Edgbaston groundsman.

So inoffensive were the support bowlers yesterday morning, indeed, that Mark Ilott and Min Patel, two left-handers of no great attainment with the bat, were able to indulge themselves expansively. In only 90 minutes, they put on 113 for the eighth wicket and both surpassed their career-best score before falling in consecutive overs.

Warwickshire went in again half an hour before lunch with arrears of 263 to wipe off if the innings defeat was to be avoided. By the time sleet and hail brought forward the tea interval by 30 minutes, they were 74 for six and looking a shade of odds against. Soon, it was 94 for eight, the perils of the pitch suddenly all too apparent, and Patel, in more familiar guise, had taken four for three in five overs of the left-arm spin that Alan Wells, his captain, had mysteriously overlooked during the first innings.

The comparison between the slow left-arm bowling of Richard Stemp and Patel has been among the fascinations of this match, but Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, was not able to continue his judgments yesterday, having gone home to Yorkshire feeling unwell. Had he been present, he would have seen Patel bowl with virtuous accuracy but with a flatter trajectory than Stemp and a line more inclined towards leg stump. The Yorkshireman may still be ahead on points.

There were four more wickets for Dominic Cork, giving him seven in the match, but he needs runs rather than wickets to persuade Illingworth that he merits the all-rounder's place ahead of either White or Lewis. As for Warwickshire, their fate was delayed only by an unbroken last-wicket stand of 75 inspired by the bloody-mindedness of Dermot Reeve, the captain. It is a quality he may have to summon rather more frequently this year.

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WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 240.

Second Innings

A J Moles c Gallian b Ilott	13
R G Twose c Ramprakash b Patel	25
T L Penney lbw b Patel	14
D P Ostler c Gallian b Patel	2
G Welch b Cork	2
*D A Reeve not out	77
†K J Piper c Cork b Patel	0
D R Brown c sub b Cork	3
N M K Smith b Cork	18
G C Small c Gallian b Cork	12
A A Donald not out	33
Extras (lb 6)	6
Total (9 wkts)	205

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-52, 3-54, 4-57, 5-58, 6-61, 7-74, 8-94, 9-130.

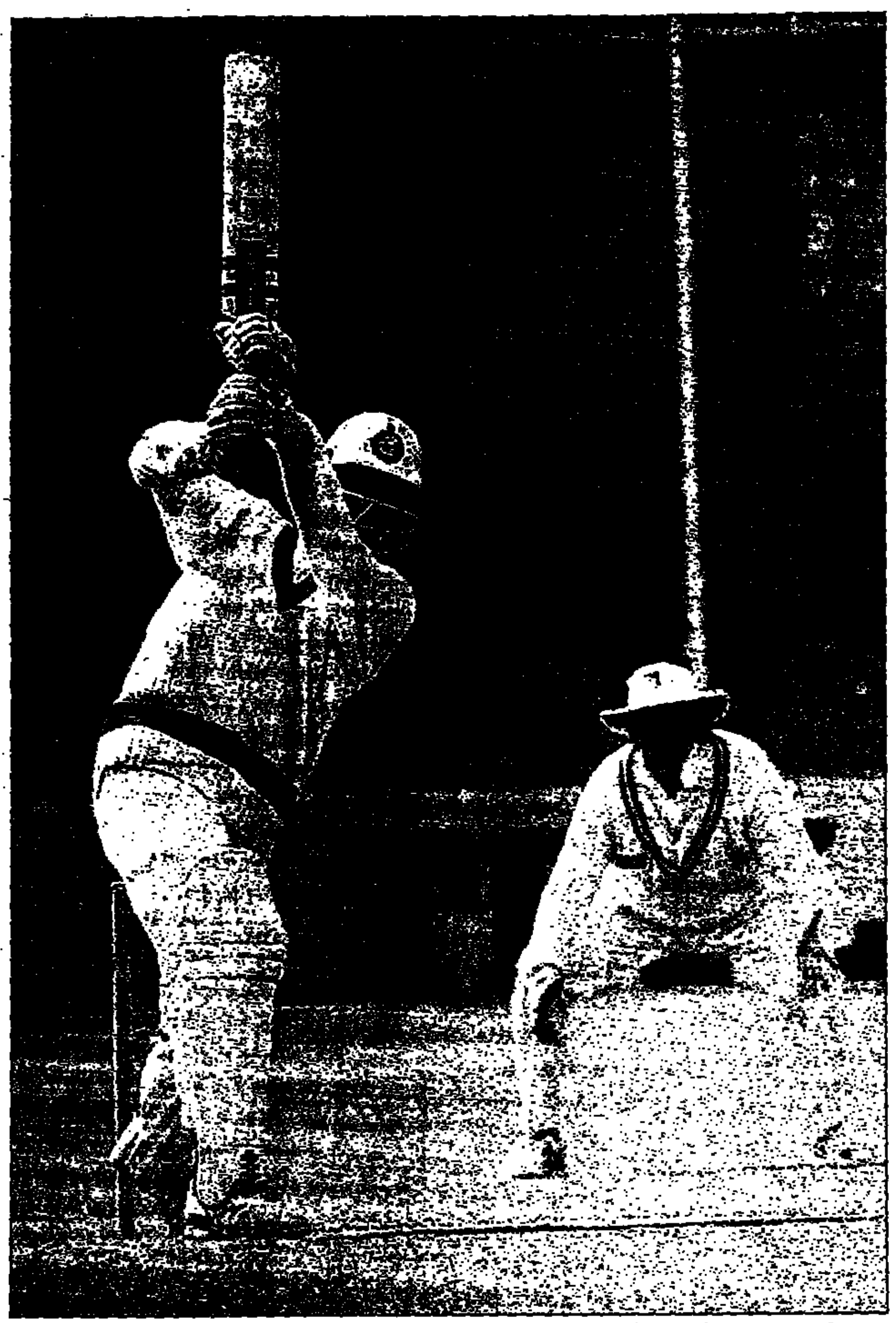
BOWLING: Ilott 17-5-68-1; Chapple 2-0-8-0; Patel 32-12-58-4; Cork 21-5-63-4; Stemp 6-4-4-0.

ENGLAND A: First Innings

J E R Gallian lbw b Donald	2
M P Vaughan c Piper b Welch	9
M R Ramprakash lbw b Welch	79
*A P Wells st Piper b Smith	178
D L Hemp c Piper b Reeve	7
D G Cork c Piper b Brown	9
†P A Nixon retired hurt	51
G Chapple c Piper b Brown	17
M C Ilott c and b Reeve	60
M M Patel c Penney b Smith	55
R D Stemp not out	0
Extras (b 5, lb 14, w 3, nb 14)	36
Total (132.2 overs)	503

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-49, 3-201, 4-228, 5-244, 6-331, 7-379, 8-503, 9-503.

BOWLING: Donald 24-6-68-1; Small 29-7-68-0; Welch 17-1-80-2; Brown 26-4-121-2; Smith 24-4-111-2; Reeve 18.2-5-41-2.



Ilott, who shared a stand of 113 with Patel for England A in only 90 minutes yesterday

Where religion and slaughter rule the roost

The officials arrived first: the judge was taller than the timekeeper — bare-headed while his colleague wore a *tera* around his hair; both men wore sarongs and batik shirts and had on their feet thongs that owed their soles to old tyres.

The judge carries a piece of bamboo and a stick with which to tap it; timekeeper has an earthenware hand basin and the half-shell of a coconut. A "*round*" is how long it takes for the shell, which has a hole in it, to sink three times to the bottom of the basin, which is signalled by a rat-tat of wood on bamboo.

We are talking of a traditional sport: east of Great Yarmouth, 9,000 miles east of Great Yarmouth, there were coconuts before there were timepieces.

Half a dozen men, some in local, others in Western clothes, were squatting on their haunches playing with their cocks — which, I hasten to add, were in diamond-shaped shopping bags from which only the combs and a pair of spiteful eyes protruded.

We were in a field on the outskirts of the village of Jimbaran on Bali, in Indonesia, which, after the United States, is the most highly populated country that has English as its official language. Not many people know that, but then not too many Indonesians speak the official language.

It was hot: when our plane landed at Jakarta yesterday, the BA stewardess announced: "The ground temperature is 86 degrees centigrade." It was not as hot as that, but in the middle 90s, Farenheit.

My hotel, the impeccable Four Seasons — and this is a fine example of faultless innkeeping unmatched in European five-star establishments — provided me with a basket containing offerings to the gods: sticks of incense, bottles of water and patches of material that represent earth. Cockfighting here is a religious ceremony: if a cock dies, which is what tends to happen when two of them fight and one wins, he is sacrificed to the deities — not as food but as a gift.

"What happens after that: Kentucky Fried Chicken?"

From the happy grins of those around me, I realise I have got it right. "What the gods leave, men eat with chilli peppers and peanut sauce" could be a local saying.

I have witnessed cock-fighting of the very highest order. Before fights, the birds are given "*sharpeners*" by their owners to ensure that all is in working order: beak, wings, feet and talons and, most important, that the eyes miss nothing.

In the ring, the moment that the bird sees another, he fights: not for territorial rights or sexual favours, but because he and the other bird are there. With the exception of Liberal councillors, fighting cocks are unique in this manifestation of inbuilt, instant enmity.

It was different in that field on the outskirts of the village of Jimbaran. The birds looked at each other with petulant interest and, by way of foreplay, were taken by their owners to examine possible opponents. "They have to dislike each other," my interpreter said.

A dark bird who reminded me of Nigel Lawson took a heavy peck at a Kinnockian gingery cock who bit back and aimed a kick. There was general approval, big smiles, a *frisson* of excitement and, immediately we formed a ring, the wood hit the bamboo, the leaking shell was balanced on the water in the basin and the fight was on.

Peck, kick, push, reverse for a head-on encounter from which, at the last moment, one bird flutters up aiming a talon at the head, the other scuttles beneath and makes a pass at his opponent's undercarriage.

FREUD ON FRIDAY

As birds do not hear the bell, they are separated at the end of each round by the proprietors, who wipe their beaks and blow in their faces.

After three rounds, the birds were tired but unhurt; the match was declared a draw and, five minutes later, a dark cock was persuaded to take exception to one who was white and myopic and reminiscent of our Foreign Secretary. This was a poor fight — the Hurd-bird, being a peaceable sort of cock, trotted off: not a game cock at all.

What we do next, the interpreter said, is put them together in a small cage so that they have to kill. For the gods?

Naturally. At big fights, sharp metal spikes are secured to talons: these are dipped in poisonous oil to kill quickly — like a firing squad.

Do people gamble on these fights?

No. Gambling is now illegal; if you are caught, you are sent to prison. The *statutory* sentence is two days.

What size are the bets?

They can be big, sometimes $1,000 (about £660). There are people in Bali who had land on the beach and have not learnt how to spend money.

Cyclist steals the show

By Simon Wilde

FENNER'S (final day of three): Cambridge University drew with Lancashire.

WHEN the star turn of the day turns out to be the circuits of the boundary that Laurie Brown, the Lancashire physiotherapist, was compelled to complete by a kangaroo court of players for "undisclosed misdemeanours", it will be clear that events at Fenner's yesterday did not threaten the equilibrium of spectators of an excitable disposition.

Brown's three laps, one on foot and two by bike, will probably live longer in the memories of his players than Graham Lloyd's century that set up Lancashire's declaration, or the failure of their spinners to take advantage of a turning pitch. Even John Crawley's need for the physio's attentions late in the day, after being struck on a foot at silly mid-off, only inspired amusement at Brown's stooped figure leaving the pavilion.

Much though Lloyd's innings will have given him confidence at the start of a season in which he is unlikely to command a regular first-team place, it comprised a curious mix of inelegance and aggression. He roared past his half-century with 14 runs off three balls from Freeth, but then crawled to his hundred with nine successive singles. Lancashire's decision to bat on after lunch effectively consigned the match to stalemate, a target of 321 in 135 minutes plus 20 overs being more than several sides stronger than Cambridge could have coped with.

Martin removed Stanley in his second over and Ratledge was smartly stumped directly before tea, but Lancashire did not look like putting the students under pressure. In the final session, highlighted by Brown's escapade, Cake and Ragnauth shared an unbeaten stand of 101, during which David Lloyd, the Lancashire coach, also exhibited his athleticism by fielding as substitute for the injured Crawley.

Ragnauth thus finished the match more impressively than he started it. In the second over on Tuesday, he went off the field with a nosebleed. Yesterday, he scaled his own personal Everest of a maiden half-century without so much as a dizzy spell.

☐ Middlesex have signed a one-year sponsorship agreement with Panasonic, the electronics firm, which could be worth more than £120,000 this season.

Century for diligent Dale

By Ivo Tennant

THE PARKS (final day of three): Oxford University drew with Glamorgan

IT COULD not be said that Glamorgan left their hosts anything resembling a challenging declaration yesterday. Even the ancients would have baulked at having a tilt at making 433 in a little more than two hours plus 20 overs, and no wonder. Greatly to their credit, Oxford University had lost but one wicket by the close.

Few county captains leave undergraduates with much of a target these days. They have their own reasons for visiting the Parks and Fenner's, and batting practice is uppermost among them.

The one visiting captain who, contrary to his rather dour reputation, does believe in not allowing a match of this kind to labour towards a draw is Tim Robinson, of Nottinghamshire.

Glamorgan were led by Maynard yesterday, for Morris was having X-rays on his damaged back in Cardiff. These revealed nothing untoward. In his absence, the likes of Dale, Cottey and Croft made certain of starting their more competitive matches in some form — although they will assuredly find that the pitch for their Benson and Hedges Cup match at Chelmsford on Sunday will be quicker than this one.

Two years ago, a great deal came to be expected of Dale. Cajoled and admonished by Vivian Richards, he grew up in a cricketing sense. Last season, his batting regressed. A mere 504 championship runs at an average of 22 resulted in the ignominy of being dropped, but, after a winter of club cricket in New Zealand, he batted here as if he can rekindle his old form. His century, made from 146 balls and including eight fours, was an innings matched in diligence only by Macmillan, the Oxford captain, who batted throughout their reply. He and the equally cussed Sutcliffe put on 92 for the first wicket.

Glamorgan's declaration was made after Cottey and Croft had swung the bat and Dale was out, although it should have come some while before. Les Lenham, the Oxford coach, would encourage, indeed expect, his openers to have an attempt at a feasible target; but this was anything but. The joy of the Parks, even in the hail and snow which are commonplace in April, is that nobody really cares.

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Bertrand thwarted

JOHN BERTRAND and his *oneAustralia* crew had to sit out the vital America's Cup challenger race against *Team New Zealand* because of high winds, then watch *Young America*, Kevin Mahaney's leading defence candidate, trounce the women's team in conditions that the Australians know they can beat their New Zealand rivals. Russell Coutts and his New Zealand crew are 4-1 up in the Louis Vuitton Cup challenger finals and need one more victory to win the right to challenge for the America's Cup.

Obree has leading role

CYCLING: Graeme Obree, the world 4,000 metres record-holder, will lead the Great Britain track team in the first round of the eight World Cup competitions in Athens on May 19. He will join the eight-strong squad for two weeks' intensive training at Manchester, beginning on May 1, where he will be given access to the latest technical equipment to evaluate his fitness and new riding position.

Pickering qualifies

SWIMMING: Karen Pickering, after a winter of illness, qualified to represent Great Britain at the European championships in Vienna in August by winning the 100 metres freestyle in 56.59sec at the Ponds Forge pool in Sheffield yesterday. Pickering was one of 11 to qualify for Vienna, although only Marie Hardiman qualified inside the standard set by selectors.

Wycombe hopes high

HOCKEY: Whitchurch and Crostyx, of the second division, join six regional teams in the inter-league play-offs over the next three days at the Olton and West Warwickshire club in the Midlands. Of those regional teams, the chances of High Wycombe are rated especially highly, since they lost only 4-3 on penalty strokes to Teddington in the third round of the Hockey Association Cup in December.

Armour's ambition

BOXING: Johnny Armour, the Commonwealth bantamweight champion, who became a double champion on Wednesday by lifting the European title, now wants a third prize: a world championship. Armour forced Antonio Picardi, his opponent, to retire in the eighth round at York Hall to win the European crown and is now likely to have three more bouts before challenging for a world title.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland 90 Miami 79; Atlanta 104 New Jersey 99; Washington 123 Orlando 117; Indiana 103 Philadelphia 81; Milwaukee 108 Boston 97; Denver 108 Minnesota 81; Utah 115 Houston 98.

BOWLS

DURBAN: Perm Atlantic Rim women's outdoor championships: Fourth round: Pairs: M Bosman and A Ainsworth (Nam) bt C Scop and R Kusman (Isr) 20-17; J Simon and B Le Gras (Guer) bt S Jack and J Taylor (Sco) 29-19; G Fitzgerald and N Shaw (Eng) bt M Le Marquand and S Syvret (Jer) 24-14; L Trigwell and J Peacock (SA) bt B Forsyth and F Whyte (Scot) 24-23; H Stewart and A Barber (US) bt B Cameron and P Nolan (Ire) 19-17; A de Abella and G de Merli (Arg) bt J Ackland and B Morgan (Wales) 22-13. Triples: Israel (M Hirschowitz) bt Namibia (L King) 22-9; Spain (P Fisher) bt Guernsey (J Ringan) 17-13; England (M Price) bt Jersey (V Steed) 17-13; South Africa (C Grondein) bt Scotland (J Maxwell) 21-9; Ireland (J Mulholland) bt United States (M Wood) 16-12; Wales (R Jones) bt Argentina (S de Cantarini) 24-6.

BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN: European bantamweight championship (vacant): Johnny Armour (GB) bt Antonio Picardi (It) rtd 8th rnd. Light: C Dunne (Holloway) bt R Valentino (Plumstead) pts. Welter: Jason Beard (Beckton) bt Steve McGovern (Bembridge) pts; Dusty Miller (Stepney) bt Danny Stevens (Bermondsey) rsc 3rd rnd. Light-middle: Nicky Thurbin (Clayhall) bt Peter Mitchell (Southampton) pts. Light-heavy: Bruce Scott (Hackney) bt Nigel Rafferty (Wolverhampton) rsc 2nd rnd.

CRICKET

University v matches

Oxford University v Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 350 for 5 dec (H Morris 125, M P Maynard 86).

Second Innings

S P James lbw b MacRobert	21
A Dale c Macmillan b Ricketts	121
P A Cottey c Kendall b Ricketts	40
R D B Croft c Mather b Ricketts	27
G P Butcher not out	3
Extras (b 4, lb 8, w 1, nb 4)	17
Total (4 wkts dec)	229

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-144, 3-205, 4-229.

BOWLING: MacRobert 15-2-48-1; Mather 18-5-64-0; Malik 6-0-35-0; Ricketts 8.5-0-30-3; Martin 5-0-40-0.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 157 (W S Kendall 52; R P Lefebvre 6 for 45).

Second Innings

*G I Macmillan not out	53
I J Sutcliffe lbw b Cottey	44
C M Gupte not out	3
Extras (lb 3, nb 2)	5
Total (1 wkt)	105

FALL OF WICKET: 1-92.

BOWLING: Watkin 8-3-11-0; Butcher 9-3-22-0; Dale 4-0-12-0; Croft 5-4-5-0; Kendrick 15-5-23-0; Cottey 16-2-29-1.

Umpires: P Adams and N T Plews.

Cambridge University v Lancashire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 245 for 4 dec (N J Speak 116, J P Crawley 74).

Second Innings

G D Lloyd c Whittall b Janisch	117
I D Austin c Battye b Haste	10
†W K Hegg c Ratledge b Freeth	43
*M Watkinson c Ragnauth b Freeth	23
P J Martin not out	34
G Yates not out	11
Extras (lb 3, nb 2)	5
Total (4 wkts dec)	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-121, 3-167, 4-208.

BOWLING: Haste 15-2-58-1; Janisch 18-5-44-1; Whittall 16-2-76-0; Freeth 10-0-62-2.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 169 for 8 dec (R A Battye 65)

Second Innings

R T Ragnauth not out	65
D E Stanley b Martin	0
J Ratledge st Hegg b Keedy	28
R Q Cake not out	47
Extras (b 3, lb 1)	4
Total (2 wkts)	144

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-43.

BOWLING: Martin 7-0-23-1, Austin 5-3-2-0, Yates 10-3-19-0; Keedy 16-3-57-1, Watkinson 10-4-19-0; Speak 3-0-20-0.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and B J Meyer

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three): Derby: Lancashire 207-9 dec (A Richardson 5-52) and 155 (F Griffith 5-40); Derbyshire 250-6 dec (C Wells 68) and 113-4. Derbyshire won by 6 wkts.

OTHER MATCH (third day of four): Taunton: England under-19 371 (A McGrath 86, A Singh 59; M Ahmed 6-88); Somerset 197 (A Caddick 70, M Diamond 5-68) and 217 (K Parsons 61; J Searle 4-21). England Under-19 won by 309 runs.

FOOTBALL

Wednesday's late results

EUROPEAN CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: AC Milan 2 Paris Saint-Germain 0 (Milan win 3-0 on agg); Ajax Amsterdam 5 Bayern Munich 2 (Ajax win 5-2 on agg).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Millwall 0 Notts County 0. Second division: Brighton 1 Wycombe 1, Plymouth 1 Birmingham 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham	42	23	12	7	77	33	81
Brentford	42	24	9	9	76	33	81
Huddersfield	43	22	14	7	76	44	80
Bristol Rovers	43	20	15	8	68	39	75
Crewe	41	22	6	13	72	53	72
Wycombe	43	19	15	9	55	43	72
Oxford Utd	43	20	11	12	62	49	71
York	43	20	8	15	64	49	68
Hull	42	18	11	13	62	51	65
Swansea	42	17	14	11	54	42	65
Blackpool	43	17	10	16	62	67	61
Stockport	43	18	7	18	60	58	61
Wrexham	43	15	15	13	62	60	60
Bradford	43	16	11	16	57	62	59
Peterborough	43	13	16	14	51	67	55
Brighton	43	13	16	14	50	48	55
Rotherham	43	13	14	16	56	58	53
Shrewsbury	43	12	14	17	51	56	50
Camb Utd	43	10	14	19	50	67	44
Bournemouth	43	11	11	21	44	67	44
Plymouth	43	11	8	24	40	79	41
Cardiff	43	9	10	24	46	71	37
Leyton O.	43	6	8	29	30	72	26
Chester	43	4	11	28	34	81	23

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic 0 Hearts 1. Third division: Ross County 0 Montrose 3.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Inter Cardiff 0 Afan Lido 2; Rhyl 3 Porthmadog 4. League Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Holywell 1 Llansantffraid 1.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: First division: Caernarfon 2 Mossley 0, Lancaster 1 Curzon Ashton 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby 1 Gresley 2; Hastings 4 Cambridge City 3. Southern division: Braintree 1 Bashley 2; Bury Town 2 Margate 0.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 1 Slough 1; Hitchin 2 St Albans 0. Second division: Hungerford 0 Edgware 2. Third division: Collier Row 2 Canvey Island 0, Cove 1 Hornchurch 2.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Cork 1 Bohemians 2, Derry 2 Shelbourne 0, Shamrock 1 Galway 1; Sligo 0 Dundalk 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City 1 Millwall 2; Norwich 2 Watford 2; Southampton 2 Oxford Utd 0, Tottenham 1 Queens Park Rangers 0; Wimbledon 4 Portsmouth 0. Second division: Bath 3 Torquay 4, Bournemouth 3 Cheltenham 0; Yeovil 1 Cardiff 3.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn 4 Wolverhampton 0; Rotherham 2 Nottm Forest 2; West Bromwich 1 Tranmere 1, Sheffield Utd 2 Liverpool 1. Second division: Blackpool 0 Oldham 3; Bradford 0 Hull 0; Middlesbrough 1 Leicester 0, Newcastle 2 York 1; Port Vale 0 Manchester City 1.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Eastwood Hanley 3 Newcastle Town 2; Nantwich 2 Rossendale 1; Trafford 0 Burscough 0; Glossop North End 2 Penrith 1.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Shildon 0 Ferryhill 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Saltash 0 Tiverton 3; Crediton 2 Barnstaple 2; Paulton 1 Odd Down 0, Taunton 1 Liskeard 0.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Cirencester 1 Cinderford 2, Shortwood 4 Almondsbury 3, Tuffley 1 Pegasus Juniors 0.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Northampton Vanaid 3 Daventry 1, Olney 3 Bugbrooke 0; St Neots 1 St Ives 2; Sharnbrook 2 Burton P W 3.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Sandwell 2 Stratford 2.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket 3 Wisbech 0.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: First division: Woolwich 7 Woodford 1.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: First division: Bow Brickhill 2 Clifton Old Boys 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hallam 1 Belper Town 2, Stocksbridge PS 4 Pontefract Collieries 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Burgess Hill 0 Wick 1, Hailsham 1 Stamco 1, Peacehaven and Telscombe 9 Crowborough 0; Ringmer 4 Langney Sports 2; Southwick 2 Oakwood 2.

SURREY FA SENIOR CUP: Final: Carshalton 1 Sutton United 3.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham 3 Slade Green 0; Canterbury 0 Herne Bay 2; Cray 1 Thamesmead 1; Deal 2 Faversham 3.

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: England Under-18 2 FA Youth XI 1.

COPA LIBERTADORES: River Plate (Arg) 1 Penarol (Uru) 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Boston 4 Buffalo 1, Detroit 5 Winnipeg 5; Montreal 4 Ottawa 1, Toronto 3 Anaheim 2; St Louis 2 Chicago 2; San Jose 5 Dallas 5; Edmonton 2 Los Angeles 0.

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia: World championships: Pool B: Great Britain 4 Poland 3.

RACKETS

QUEENS CLUB: Lacoste British Open doubles championship: Second round: M Cripps and D Makey bt T Brudenell and V Cazalet 15-4, 15-5, 15-12, 15-8.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Whitehaven 50 Bramley 6

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: Optrex European championship trials: Men: Freestyle: 200m: 1, P Palmer (City of Lincoln Pentaqua) 1min 50.65sec; 2, J Salter (City of Birmingham) 1:50.68; 3, A Clayton (City of Leeds) 1:51.45; 4, G Meadows (City of Leeds) 1:52.78. Breaststroke: 100m: 1, G Brettell (City of Birmingham) 1:03.93; 2, J Parrack (City of Leeds) 1:04.09; 3, I Swift (City of Bradford) 1:04.23. Butterfly: 100m: 1, A Clayton (City of Leeds) 55.01sec; 2, J Hickman (Stockport Metro) 55.60; 3, M Fibbens (Hatfield) 55.67. Junior: D Coombs (Romford Town) 55.19 (British junior record). Women: Freestyle: 100m: 1, K Pickering (Ipswich) 56.59; 2, S Rolph (City of Newcastle) 56.91; 3, A Bennett (Nova Centurion) 57.21; 4, C Huddart (City of Leeds) 57.41. Breaststroke: 200m: 1, M Hardiman (City of Birmingham) 2min 31.42sec; 2, N Thornley (Man Utd Salford) 2:35.09; 3, H Earp (City of Newcastle) 2:37.49. 400m individual medley: 1, H Slatter (Warriors of Warrington) 4:51.67; 2, C Niblett (Dover Lifeguard) 4:53.21 (Welsh record); 3, V Horner (Derwentside) 4:56.30. Individual qualifiers for Vienna: Men: Brettell; Clayton; Palmer. Women: Hardiman; Pickering; Slatter.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Hull 46 Arena Essex 50

YACHTING

SAN DIEGO: America's Cup: Series finals: Citizen Cup (defender series): Young America (K Mahaney) bt Mighty Mary (L Egnot) by 2min 46sec. Positions: 1, Young America 4; equal 2, Stars & Stripes and Mighty Mary 3

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

Tranmere v Southend

Reading v Bolton (7.45)

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: *Liverpool v Coventry (at Southport FC, 7.0). Second division:* Birmingham City v Bradford (7.0); Manchester City v Barnsley (6.45).

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Newhaven v Peacehaven/Telscombe.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools FA Festivals: Jersey, Isle of Wight, North Tyneside, Pakefield.

RUGBY UNION

Schools International (18 Group)

Wales A v England A (Maesteg, 3.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship

First division

St Helens v Warrington (7.30)

CRICKET

Tetley Bitter Shield

11.0, final day of four

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v England A

University match

11.0, one day

THE PARKS: *Combined Universities v Northamptonshire*

BAIN HOGG TROPHY (one day): Derby: Derbyshire v Lancashire.

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: Inter-League play-offs (at Olton). City of Portsmouth v Crostyx (11.0), Olton and West Warwickshire v *Blueharts (1.0); Bath Buccaneers v Whitchurch (3.0),* Norton v High Wycombe (5.0)

SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SPEEDWAY (7.30 unless stated): Premier League: *Belle Vue v Long Eaton; Edinburgh v Exeter (7.15). Knockout Cup: First round,* first leg: Arena Essex v Eastbourne (8.0). First round, second leg: Oxford v Poole (7.45); Peterborough v Ipswich.

SWIMMING: Great Britain European championship trials (Sheffield).

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *37*

ZIGEUNER

(c) A gypsy. ***Zigenerbaron*** **- a gypsy baron (in allusion to the operetta** ***Der Zigeunerbaron*** **(1885) by Johann Strauss. "His [sc. Bartók's] passion for the true Hungary and its folk-music as opposed to the Zigeunerbaron travesties."**

YANTRA

(a) A geometrical diagram **used as an aid to meditation in tantric worship, any object used** ***similarly. From the Sanskrit yantra*** **device or mechanism for holding or fastening,** ***from yam to hold or support.*** **"An ecstatic state would be achieved by contemplation of the mandalas and yantras, abstract diagrams of cosmic forces."**

TERRAGLIA

(c) An Italian cream-coloured earthenware, especially that manufactured from 1728 at Nove, near Bassano, Italy, by G. B. Antonibon and his descendants. From the Italian word for ***earthenware, terra*** **earth.**

SHIATSU

(c) A kind of therapy of Japanese origin, in which pressure is applied with the thumbs and palms to certain points on the body. Transliteration of the Japanese for "finger-pressure".

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1, Qg6! fxg6; 2, Rxg7+ Kf8 (2, ... Kh8 is met the same way); 3, Nxg6 mate. Give yourself full marks if you found the alternative solution: 1, Rxf7! meeting 1, ... Rxd3 with 2, Rxg7+ and 3, Ng6 is in the game, or 1, ... Kxf7 with 2, Qg6+.

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RFU seeks to delay new contest for a year

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE prospect of a European tournament next season involving England's leading clubs has been dampened after an informal meeting between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and representatives of Bath and Leicester. There is little chance of the RFU sanctioning English involvement before 1996-97, though this would not prevent clubs from Wales and France *going ahead with cross-border* fixtures.

Richard Mauditt, the Bath chairman, and Tony Russ, the director of rugby at Leicester, met Dudley Wood, the RFU secretary, and John Jeavons-Fellows, the chairman of the union's competitions sub-committee at Cambridge on Wednesday. "The RFU were receptive to what we had to say and, in principle, I think they are in favour," Russ said.

"But, in practice, they would want to do it themselves, rather than through a marketing company. We were keen to get it off the ground as a prototype, but we will not go ahead without the backing of the governing body."

Bath and Leicester see such *a tournament as the natural* way of expanding the game in general and the talents of their players in particular, but Leicester may have to rest content with a celebration game to open their new stand next season, possibly against Western Province, who are due to tour here.

"There is a chance of the Welsh and French clubs getting together," Gareth Davies, the chief executive of Cardiff, said. "But it worries me that the unions want to wait another year; someone may *come along and blow the thing* apart. There is no problem fitting what would be four games, at the most, into the fixture list, and what has been proposed would involve a representative from each of the six 'founder' clubs acting as directors of the tournament — so control would not pass out of rugby's hands."

Meanwhile, Leicester will defend their slim advantage at the top of the Courage Clubs Championship at Sale tomorrow without Dean Richards, because of a groin strain, Neil *Back and Tony Underwood*. However, the game will offer players the chance of a place on the England A tour to Australia in May; there are vacancies at centre and lock after the withdrawal of Nick Greenstock, of Wasps, and Martin Haag, of Bath, who have summer examinations.

Greenstock plays against Northampton tomorrow in the game which could decide whether the latter are relegated. Should Northampton lose, then Harlequins and West Hartlepool will be safe, and though Wasps field a reconstructed pack, they have an exciting back division in which Aaron James, from Southland, the New Zealand second-division province, *makes a league debut and* will be primed by Rob Andrew and Steve Bates, their first-choice half backs.

Wasps omit three international forwards in Dean Ryan, Norman Hadley and Nick Popplewell, while Matt Greenwood is also rested. "We have to be selfish and think of our end-of-season commitments," Rob Smith, the coach, said. "A number of players are competing for a Cup Final place." They include Gary Holmes, the England A prop recalled for a rare appearance, *and Darren Molloy, who are* contenders at loose head in the absence, with Ireland, of Popplewell on May 6.

Hastings satisfied with his decision

By David Hands

Hastings: own terms

GAVIN HASTINGS'S decision to retire from international rugby this summer comes as no surprise. In 56 games, the Scotland full back has achieved every honour that the northern hemisphere can bestow and, at 33 and with a back that has troubled him for a couple of seasons, it is an opportune moment.

It is important to Hastings that he is going on his own terms. He will bid farewell to Murrayfield, the scene of many memorable moments since his debut there in 1986, in the international against Romania tomorrow, and will lead his country into the World Cup next month with their stock far higher than it stood last year, when his own place in the side seemed less than secure.

Hastings has always played the game in a challenging manner, never more so than against France in February, when he scored the try and kicked the conversion that gave Scotland their first victory at the Parc des Princes. That is his nature, and it has served his country well.

Indeed, it is not the bare statistics of his playing career, impressive though they are, that spring first to mind, but the image of a big man, solid under the high ball or thrusting his 14½st into the fray.

He will extend his Scottish record for caps past 60, all being well, before he retreats to club rugby with Watsonians, and may yet thrust his way into second place, behind Michael Lynagh, of Australia, in the all-time list of international points scorers. His tally stands at 610, of which 544 have been scored for Scotland, and the mark of 645, set by Grant Fox, of New Zealand, is within reach.

"The fact that the World Cup comes along every four years and requires such an intensity of effort makes it an obvious time to stop," Hastings said. "Everything this year has been geared towards that challenge."

His many admirers will hope that the tournament in South Africa offers him a fitting send-off.

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Cecil's Kentucky Derby hope suffers unexpected reverse in warm-up

Munwar proves too strong for Eltish

By Julian Muscat

WHAT was perceived as a gentle warm-up for the Kentucky Derby turned into a very different sort of exercise when Eltish, runner-up in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, found himself caught up in an intriguing contest for the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

Time may show Eltish was attempting the impossible in conceding 8lb to Munwar and Flemensfirth, the latter ranked by John Gosden among his best staying prospects. As for Munwar, Derby speculators would have initiated a stampede in any normal year. Much hinges on Celtic Swing's reappearance at Newbury tomorrow.

Willie Carson, aboard Munwar, simply toyed with his opponents. Eltish was on terms two furlongs out but the Scot, at his cajoling best, offered Eltish hope beyond his station. Then, when Flemensfirth launched his bid, Carson conjured a second spurt from Munwar, who needed little prompting to stretch clear by 2½ lengths.

"He has worked very well recently but he is basically a galloper," Peter Walwyn, who trains Munwar, said. The *Lingfield Derby Trial offers* another chance to assess the son of Kalaglow, who, unlike so many these days, will come into his own over the Derby distance of 12 furlongs.

Connections of Eltish were far from downcast in defeat. "The first thing Pat Eddery said was that he certainly wouldn't discourage us from going to Kentucky," Grant Pritchard-Gordon, racing *manager to the colt's owner*, Khalid Abdulla, said.

There were other positive pointers for a tilt at the Kentucky Derby. Henry Cecil, who trains Eltish, indicated his charge would improve for the effort. And the evident openness of their premier classic renders it particularly vulnerable this year. It is to be hoped connections take up the challenge: the memory still *lingers of Eltish's sterling first* effort on dirt five months ago.

A less glamorous assignment awaits Charnwood Forest, a decisive winner of the opening Granby Maiden Stakes over seven furlongs. The handsome bay colt summoned his powerful stride to post a 1¾-length defeat of Prince Arthur, who engaged the winner in a brief tussle. These are both talented colts.

With Sheikh Mohammed having an embarrassment of riches, Charnwood Forest is unlikely to contest the 2,000 Guineas. That may prove a blessing for the son of Warning, who, along with *Diffident*, was bred by the sheikh.

"It would be nice for him to have another easy race," Cecil said of Charnwood Forest. "He may be ready for the Irish 2,000 Guineas but he should get ten furlongs eventually. He has a lot of potential."

Peter Chapple-Hyam, who trains Prince Arthur, was again consigned to the runner-up berth after Night Parade, *making his racecourse debut*, failed to cope with the more experienced Dungeon Master in the Thetford Stakes. Night Parade was the first from a clutch of two-year-olds sired by the Australian-based stallion, Rory's Jester, that Robert Sangster is placing in Britain.

Rory's Jester was a fast racehorse, and the experiment is designed to produce precocious juveniles for Royal Ascot. *Night Parade* is not expected to rank among the best of Rory's Jester's progeny, which are due to arrive from Dubai in ten days. Sangster will doubtless be hoping for a bit of desert magic.

Munwar and Willie Carson, striped cap, stay on too strongly for Flemensfirth, right, and Eltish in the Feilden Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: MANSUR
(2.50 Thirsk)
Next best: Dismissed
(2.10 Newbury)

UTTOXETER

THUNDERER
5.35 Barton Santa. 6.05 Wise Approach. 6.35 Gunmaker. 7.05 Mr Jamboree. 7.35 Eurolink The Lad. 8.05 Arfey.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

5.35 RADFORD BMW NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,299: 2m) (12 runners)

1 -341 BARTON SANTA 20 (S) A Bailey 6-11-12 ... N Williamson
2 005F MISS THE POST 16 D Nicholson 4-11-7 ... R Massey (5)
3 -500 THE PADRE 73 (B) Miss H Knight 6-10-12 ... J Osborne
4 000 IRON GENT 50 (B) P Hobbs 4-10-11 ... Peter Hobbs
5 -15P HENRY CONE 116 (CD,G) D Nicholson 6-10-10 ... W Marston
6 1300 JASON'S BOY 6 (V,S) J Bradley 5-10-0 ... R Farrant
7 0500 TROOPING 35 M Meagher 5-10-0 ... D Gallagher
8 -5FP GRAY ROSETTE 90 D Sandoffo 6-10-0 ... D Leahy (3)
9 0103 TOUGH DEAL 18 (S) P Bradley 7-10-0 ... S Wynne (3)
10 05-5 SUVLA BAY 30 D Brennan 7-10-0 ... M Brennan
11 F-03 MY GIRL FRIDAY 191 W Clay 6-10-0 ... Diane Clay
12 -004 COBBS CROSS 10 T Caldwell 5-10-0 ... Pat Caldwell
5-2 Barton Santa, [illegible] Miss The Post, 6-1 Iron Gent, The Padre, 8-1 others.

6.05 HOUGHTON VAUGHAN NOVICES CHASE (£3,648: 3m 2f) (12)

1 F011 AUTO PILOT 25 (G,S) Mrs J Pownie-Barons 7-12-4 ... R Greene
2 0F11 WISE APPROACH 9 (F,G) ... N Williamson
3 3032 [illegible] ... D Gallagher
4 1320 MR INVADER 25 (G) ... M A Fitzgerald
5 5-F1 [illegible] ... W Marston
6 [illegible] CAPTAIN CAVEMAN [illegible] ... S Wynne (3)
7 [illegible] ... G Upton
8 [illegible] ... W Worthington
9 [illegible] NORTH HOLLOW [illegible] ... D McCain
10 [illegible]
11 -278 YOUNG PARSON 10 [illegible] ... T Eley (3)
12 [illegible]
[illegible]

6.35 CENTRAL TELECOM PHONEDAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,865: 2m 4f 110yd) (18)

[illegible]

7.05 CHARLES AND SUSIE WEDDING HANDICAP CHASE (£4,707: 2m 5f) (10)

1 -F2P CODDAWARA 71 (C,G,S) T Forster 9-11-10 ... J Osborne
2 0-P5 GAMBLING ROYAL 104 (G,S) R Phillips 12-11-5 ... R Farrant
3 114P BELSTONE FOX 62 (G,S) D Nicholson 10-11-5 ... W Marston
4 P-52 PANTO PRINCE 16 (C,D,F,G,S) C Popham 14-11-2 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 -322 GEORGE'S TYCOON 48 (F,G,S) R Phillips 9-11-2 ... J Railton
6 -F31 MR JAMBOREE 4 (F,G) K Bailey 9-10-9 (6ex) ... N Williamson
7 P512 OLD BRIDGE 41 (G,S) A Turnell 7-10-1 ... S McNeill
8 5415 ANDERMATT 20 (D,S) J Mackie 8-10-0 ... J F Titley
9 5P01 ARDCRONEY CHIEF 116 (D,G,S) D Sandollo 9-10-0 ... P Holley
10 5436 MO ICHI DO 27 (B,CD,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 9-10-0 ... T Eley (3)
5-2 Coddawara, 7-2 Panto Prince, 9-2 Mr Jamboree, 7-1 Belstone Fox, 8-1 Coddawara, Old Bridge, Ardcroney Chief, 14-1 others.

7.35 GILBERTS ANIMAL FEED PRODUCTS HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,038: 2m) (11)

1 0326 CUMBRIAN CHALLENGE 13 (D,G,S) M H Easterby 6-12-0 ... L Wyer
2 10-1 AMERICAN HERO 18 (D,F,G) R Allan 7-11-0 ... B Storey
3 1111 MARINER'S AIR 25 (D,G,S) J Spearing 8-11-0 ... N Williamson
4 4540 AAL EL AAL 20 (D,G,S) P Hobbs 8-10-12 ... G Tormey (5)
5 0461 EUROLINK THE LAD 28 (D,F,G,S) D Nicholson 8-10-11 ... W Marston
6 5230 DARING PAST 36 (D,G,S) M Hammond 5-10-9 ... J Osborne
7 4101 BOLD ACRE 27 (S) D Burchell 5-10-1 ... D J Burchell
8 6250 AMBASSADOR ROYALE 122 (CD,F,G) Miss A Broyd 7-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
9 42-2 JOHNSTED 245 (D,BF,F,G,S) W Clay 9-10-0 ... Diane Clay
10 4564 SHREWD 185 (D,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 5-10-0 ... S Wynne (3)
11 1553 [illegible] 32 (CD,F,G,S) P Dalton 9-10-0 ... A P McCoy
[illegible] Eurolink The Lad, 3-2 Mariner's Air, 5-1 American Hero, 6-1 Cumbrian Challenge, 7-1 Daring Past, 10-1 Bold Acre, Shrewd, 12-1 others.

8.05 JENKINSONS CATERERS MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,057: 2m) (16)

1 [illegible] 4 J Bradley 7-11-6 ... R Farrant
2 [illegible] ARFEY 44 T Thomson Jones 5-11-6 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 [illegible] BALLACOCO 113 T Donnelly 6-11-6 ... T Eley (3)
4 [illegible] BATTLE [illegible] 20 M Pipe 7-11-6 ... NON-RUNNER
5 [illegible] BEGGA'S REVENGE A Turnell 5-11-6 ... D Fortt (5)
6 -7P2 CROOKALIG IDEA 10 J Edwards 7-11-6 ... N Williamson
7 [illegible] CROWN EQUERRY A Turnell 5-11-6 ... S McNeill
8 3-5U [illegible] 123 T George 5-11-6 ... J Railton
9 [illegible] 455 Lady E Mays-Smith 5-11-6 ... J A McCarthy
10 [illegible] A Turnell 5-11-6 ... D Morris
11 [illegible] 21F J Bosley 7-11-6 ... M Bosley
12 [illegible] 58 M Bradstock 5-11-6 ... P Holley
13 [illegible] S Gough 5-11-1 ... Gary Lyons
14 [illegible] 25 D Nicholson 6-11-1 ... W Marston
15 [illegible] 165F M Ryan 4-11-0 ... J Ryan
16 [illegible] ROYAL 625F D Burchell 4-10-9 ... J Pryor
[illegible]

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: [illegible] 47 winners from 150 runners, 31.3%; T Forster, [illegible] 33.5%; D Nicholson, 15 from [illegible]; T Thomson Jones, 5 from 23, 21.7%; K Bailey, 16 from 72 [illegible]

JOCKEYS: [illegible] 25 winners from 100 rides, 25.0%; J P [illegible] 3 from 42, [illegible]%; M Brennan [illegible]; M A Fitzgerald, 9 from 57, 15.8%.

THIRSK

THUNDERER
2.15 Shady Deed. 2.50 Mansur. 3.20 Harsh Times. 3.50 Mistertopogigo. 4.20 Plum First. 4.50 Johnnie The Joker.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 BRITON RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,969: 6f) (12 runners)

1 020- BRECONGILL LAD 196 Miss S Hall 9-0 ... N Connorton 5
2 330- JUST DISSIDENT 204 R Whitaker 9-0 ... A Culhane 9
3 334- PELLEMAN 204 R Boss 9-0 ... J Weaver 1
4 022- RASAS 189 H Thomson Jones 9-0 ... N Carlisle 10
5 5-56 ROY BOY 13 Mrs M Reveley 9-0 ... J Fortune 3
6 26-2 SHEN YANG 23 G L Moore 9-0 ... B Rouse 6
7 53-4 BLUE SIOUX 17 J Wharton 8-9 ... K Fallon 12
8 542- HEY UP DOLLY 200 J Berry 8-9 ... J Carroll 4
9 03-0 PENNY'S WISHING 53 J Leigh 8-9 ... G Duffield 8
10 226- ROLLING 177 B Hills 8-9 ... J D Smith (5) 2
11 508- SHADY DEED 205 J Hills 8-9 ... D Holland 11
12 022- SOUTH ROCK 179 J Glover 8-9 ... Dean McKeown 7
4-1 Roy Boy, 5-1 Hey Up Dolly, 6-1 Shen Yang, 7-1 Blue Sioux, South Rock, 8-1 Rolling, 10-1 Rasas, 12-1 others.

2.50 SOWERBY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,834: 1m 4f) (8)

1 0- KRATON GARDEN 168 W Jarvis 9-0 ... M Tebbutt 1
2 43- MANSUR 300 (V) D Loder 9-0 ... J Weaver 3
3 2 STONE CROSS 22 R Fisher 9-0 ... K Fallon 5
4 0- TONNERRE 224 L Fairhurst 9-0 ... J Fanning 7
5 0-5 BAMBARA 21 C Brittain 8-9 ... M Rimmer 8
6 000 SEYAATEH 10 M Chapman 8-9 ... C Munday (7) 4
7 INDISCRETION Mrs J Cecil 8-9 ... A Clark 6
8 TRUE BIRD J Bethell 8-9 ... J Carroll 2
5-4 Mansur, 4-1 Indiscretion, 9-2 Stone Cross, 7-1 Bambara, 8-1 others.

3.20 KNAYTON CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,182: 5f) (10)

1 1 TROPICAL BEACH 11 (D,G) J Berry 9-0 ... J Carroll 2
2 DOUBLE POINT M Bell 8-12 ... G Faulkner (7) 8
3 PATSINGTON PARK M W Easterby 8-12 ... M Birch 3
4 6 JUST LADY 20 W G M Turner 8-5 ... G Duffield 7
5 0 MERLIN'S HONOUR 6 P Haslam 8-5 ... J Weaver 1
6 HARSH TIMES M H Easterby 8-1 ... S Maloney 9
7 5 ROYAL RIGGER 11 C Smith 8-1 ... J Fanning 10
8 THORNTOUN JEWEL M Johnston 8-1 ... T Williams 6
9 4 MYSTERIOUS TIMES 14 M W Easterby 7-13 ... L Charnock 5
10 5 NED'S CONTESSA 9 M Dods 7-13 ... Dale Gibson 4
7-4 Tropical Beach, 3-1 Thorntoun Jewel, 4-1 Harsh Times, 7-1 Double Point, 10-1 Mysterious Times, Patsington Park, 12-1 others.

3.50 HAMBLETON CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,163: 5f) (6)

1 04-1 EL YASAF 16 (D,F,G,S) G Baird 7-9-12 ... M Wigham 4
2 312- MISTERTOPOGIGO 201 (D,F,G) W Cunningham 5-9-12 ... A Clark 5
3 255- YA MALAK 205 (D,F,G,S) J Payne 4-9-12 ... D Holland 2
4 3-00 CALL ME I'M BLUE 13 (D,G,S) N Tinkler 5-9-10 ... M Tebbutt 4
5 121- PALACEGATE EPISODE 187 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-9-7 ... J Carroll 3
6 0/0 SNIPE HALL 13 (D,F,G,S) T Watson 4-9-4 ... Dean McKeown 6
4-6 Mistertopogigo, 3-1 Palacegate Episode, 5-1 El Yasaf, 12-1 others.

4.20 OAKSTRIPE CLAIMING HANDICAP (£3,701: 6f) (19)

1 -060 RAPIER POINT 80 (CD,BF,G) P Haslam 4-10-0 ... J Weaver 2
2 0003 SHARP CONQUEST 13 (V,G) W Muir 4-9-7 ... J Fortune 15
3 00-0 MUZZ 93 (D,G,S) R McKellar 4-9-3 ... T Williams 8
4 -450 PLUM FIRST 18 (B,CD,F,S) L Lloyd-James 5-9-2 ... N Kennedy 19
5 3150 SHADOW JURY 32 (B,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 5-8-9 ... Dean McKeown 4
6 00-6 MISS WHITTINGHAM 21 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 5-8-0 ... J Carroll 11
7 00-0 DENSBEN 21 (C,D,F,G,S) Denys Smith 11-8-12 ... K Fallon 8
8 10-1 BERGE 32 (B,D,G) W O'Gorman 4-8-11 ... Emma O'Gorman 14
9 6502 GIGGLESWICK GIRL 4 M Chapman 4-8-10 ... Candy Morris 16
10 0300 TWICE IN BUNDORAN 4 (G) P Felgate 4-8-7 ... R Price 9
11 -046 POLLI PUI 8 P Evans 3-8-0 ... S Maloney 18
12 -066 ANGELIC DANCER 4 (B,CD,F) S Bowring 4-8-5 ... C Teague (5) 1
13 2600 THE INSTITUTE BOY 17 (V,D,G) Miss J Craze 5-8-4 ... S Webster 7
14 0234 RUSSIAN HEROINE 10 (F,S) M Johnston 3-8-3 ... D Holland 5
15 0324 KALAR 1 (B,C,F,G) D Chapman 6-8-1 ... Darren Moffatt (3) 3
16 40-8 SOPTAMALOO 14 E Incisa 4-7-10 ... Kim Tinkler 13
17 000- BOOST 200 C Thornton 3-7-10 ... J Lowe 10
18 000- FYNE SONG 183 W Musson 3-7-7 ... N Carlisle 17
19 300- SHOTLEY AGAIN 256 (G,S) N Bycroft 5-7-7 ... J Fanning 12
4-1 Berge, 7-1 Kalar, 8-1 Sharp Conquest, Giggleswick Girl, 10-1 Russian Heroine, Densben, 12-1 Plum First, 14-1 Twice In Bundoran, 16-1 others.

4.50 BIRDFORTH HANDICAP (£3,754: 7f) (16)

1 -660 AFRICAN CHIMES 37 (D,BF,F,G) W O'Gorman 8-10-0 ... Emma O'Gorman 4
2 1040 DESERT INVADER 16 (G,S) D Chapman 4-10-0 ... J Tate (3) 16
3 530- SYCAMORE LODGE 191 P Calver 4-9-10 ... M Birch 7
4 2100 BELLA PARKES 16 (B,F,G,S) D Nicholls 4-8-10 ... Alex Greaves 10
5 300- SOBERING THOUGHTS 202 (F,G) J Eyre 9-9-10 ... O Pears (3) 12
6 0124 ORTHORHOMBUS 11 (B,D,F,S) D Cosgrove 6-9-9 ... M Rimmer 15
7 06-2 SOAKING 36 (D,F,G) G L Moore 5-9-6 ... B Rouse 5
8 0-44 FIRST GOLD 4 (D,F,G,S) J Wharton 6-9-7 ... K Fallon 6
9 020- JOHNNIE THE JOKER 188 (C,D,F,G) J Leigh 4-9-4 ... Dean McKeown 8
10 000- LIGHT MOVEMENT 171 W Cunningham 5-9-2 ... A Culhane 9
11 0000 TYRONE FLYER 53 (D,G,S) G Fierro 6-9-1 ... M Wigham 14
12 000- AWESOME VENTURE 188 M Chapman 5-9-1 ... C Munday (7) 11
13 640- COMEONUP 256 (D,S) J Bradley 4-8-12 ... L Charnock 13
14 001- DIFFERENT TIMES 98J (B,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 5-8-11 ... D R McCabe (3) 3
15 00-0 PEACEFULL REPLY 11 (F) F Lee 5-8-11 ... N Connorton 2
16 5113 SOOPERFICIAL 10 (V,F,S) J Glover 4-8-10 ... J Weaver 1
5-1 Bella Parkes, 6-1 Sobering Thoughts, 7-1 Different Times, 8-1 Soaking, Sooperficial, 10-1 Desert Invader, Orthorhombus, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs J Cecil, 5 winners from 11 runners, 45.5%; J Bradley, 4 from 9, 44.4%; W Jarvis, 3 from 10, 30.0%; P Haslam, 6 from 40, 15.0%; H Thomson Jones, 3 from 21, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: C Munday, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; G Duffield, 28 from 97, 28.9%; J Weaver, 13 from 63, 20.6%; J Tate, 4 from 22, 18.2%; O Pears, 4 from 28, 14.3%; J Carroll, 12 from 95, 12.6%.

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TAUNTON

THUNDERER
5.20 Mr Playfull. 5.50 L'Uomo Piu. 6.20 Sir Crusty. 6.50 Music Box. 7.20 Knockumshin. 7.50 Myrtilla.

Brian Beel: 7.20 Sonofagipsy.

GOING: HARD SIS

5.20 ORCHARD RESTAURANT NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,113: 2m 1f) (4 runners)

1 PPP MOUNTAIN LEADER 33 C Hyde 5-11-0 ... B Powell
2 040 MR PLAYFULL 18 R Frost 5-11-0 ... J Frost
3 [illegible] OWENS DELIGHT 31 R Frost 5-11-0 ... R Darke
4 0-0P BETTY'S MATCH 33 Miss S Waterman 6-10-9 ... T Murphy (7)
1-2 Mr Playfull, 11-4 Owens Delight, 7-1 Betty's Match, 25-1 Mountain Leader.

5.50 HUSBANDS CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £3,420: 3m) (5)

1 235P TAMMY'S FRIEND 14 (B,D,F,S) C Mann 8-11-10 ... G McCourt
2 3P23 L'UOMO PIU 15 (CD,F,G,S) A Barrow 11-10-12 ... B Powell
3 F-30 POWDER BOY 18 (CD,F,G) R Hodges 10-10-7 ... A Tory
4 P2U6 SHALCHLO BOY 9 (CD,F,G) Mrs S Williams 11-10-5 ... L Harvey
5 4PPE MISTER FEATHERS 4 (CD,F,G) J King 14-10-3 ... Mr R Johnson (7)
5-4 Tammy's Friend, 3-1 L'Uomo Piu, 7-2 Powder Boy, 7-1 Shalchlo Boy, 10-1 Mister Feathers.

6.20 SPRING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,938: 3m 110yd) (8)

1 2523 BOOGIE BOPPER 6 (V,S) M Pipe 6-11-13 ... D Bazrows (5)
2 3102 DOMINION TREASURE 186 (C,BF,F,G,S) R Baker 10-11-4 ... S Lyons
3 12P0 POLK 6 (S) M Pipe 6-11-1 ... L Reynolds (3)
4 6503 SIR CRUSTY 4 (D,F,G,S) O O'Neill 13-11-0 ... P Maddock (5)
5 F0-0 DECEMBER BRIDE 9 (V) R Tapper 7-10-10 ... J James (5)
6 0U04 TIGER CLAW 4 (B,C,F,G) A Barrow 9-10-7 ... T Dascombe
7 4-P0 SHERWOOD FOX 9 (F) S Kirk 8-10-3 ... G Hogan
8 U50- SCROFFY 282 [illegible] 11-10-0 ... P Ward (3)
2-1 Boogie Bopper, 3-1 Dominion Treasure, 7-2 Polk, 9-2 Sir Crusty, 6-1 Tiger Claw, 10-1 December Bride, 25-1 others.

6.50 PETER AND SYBIL BLACKBURN MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY (Novices chase: £2,710: 2m 110yd) (5)

1 -U61 CLEAR IDEA 4 (F) R Frost 7-11-10 ... J Frost
2 60-1 REELING 4 (D,F) P Farrell 9-11-5 ... M Foster
3 3506 MUSIC BOX 6 (B,G,S) R Hodges 9-11-3 ... A Tory
4 -4F5 TAKE BY STORM 9 R Buckler 6-11-3 ... B Powell
5 14-P MR GENEAOLOGY 283 (B,F,G,S) F Murphy 5-10-10 ... D Bridgwater
6-4 Reeling, 9-4 Clear Idea, 4-1 Music Box, 6-1 Take By Storm, 8-1 Mr Geneaology.

7.20 SOMERSET HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,159: 3m) (6)

1 0UU4 GUNNER STREAM 4P (D,F,G) A Sims 11-12-7 ... C Farr (7)
2 4-14 KNOCKUMSHIN 18 (CD,F,G,S) S Smith 12-12-7 ... T Byrne (5)
3 P-FP JUST SILVER 20P B Rendell 10-12-0 ... J Culloty (7)
4 3U54 RUSTY BRIDGE 4 (F,G) Mrs S Johnson 8-12-0 ... R Johnson (7)
5 3230 SONOFAGIPSY 14 (F,G) J Dalmer 11-12-0 ... M Felton (5)
6 3-16 SPITFIRE JUBILEE 16 (F) Mrs L Sydenham 9-12-0 ... R Nuttall (7)
5-4 Sonofagipsy, 6-4 Knockumshin, 9-2 Rusty Bridge, 16-1 Spitfire Jubilee, 25-1 Gunner Stream, 50-1 Just Silver.

7.50 ASPEN CATERING MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,232: 2m 1f) (6)

1 4001 FLEUR DE TAL 6 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 4-12-0 (6ex) ... T Murphy (7)
2 32-0 HABASHA 14 (D,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-13 ... J Lower
3 FU63 MYRTILLA 31 (F) A Turnell 6-11-7 ... L Harvey
4 13-0 NEARLY HONEST 65F (F,G) R Hodges 7-10-0 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
5 U041 FABULOUS PRINCESS 4 (F) C Popham 4-10-0 ... B Powell
6 P60U MA BELLA LUNA 16 J Moore 8-10-6 ... S Fox (3)
7-4 Myrtilla, 2-1 Habasha, 11-4 Fleur De Tal, 16-1 Nearly Honest, 16-1 Fabulous Princess, 25-1 Ma Bella Luna.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J King, 5 winners from 18 runners, 27.8%; F Murphy, 3 from 12, 25.0%; M Pipe, 45 from 184, 24.5%; A Barrow, 6 from 60, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: M Foster, 7 winners from 29 rides, 24.1%; J Lower, 8 from 34, 23.5%; G McCourt, 4 from 25, 16.0%; A Tory, 8 from 77, 10.4%.

☐ Cheltenham bumper winner Dato Star runs in a 1½-mile Flat maiden at Thirsk on May 5.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: [illegible]

2.00 [illegible] 1, CHARNWOOD FOREST [illegible]; 2, Prince Arthur [illegible]; 3, Bin Rosie [illegible] [illegible]

2.35 [illegible] INDONESIAN [illegible] In Camera [illegible] Show Dancing [illegible] [illegible]

3.05 [illegible] MUNWAR [illegible] Flemensfirth [illegible] Eltish [illegible] [illegible]

3.40 [illegible] PAINTER'S ROW [illegible] Montjoy [illegible] Nwaamis [illegible] [illegible]

4.10 [illegible] CHEYENNE SPIRIT [illegible] Peggy Spencer [illegible] [illegible]

4.45 [illegible] LUCAYAN PRINCE [illegible]

[illegible] Richard Evans's nap [illegible] L'Ami Louis [illegible] [illegible]

5.20 [illegible] DUNGEON MASTER [illegible] Night Parade [illegible] [illegible]

Jackpot: £7,504.00 (0.7 winning tickets). Pool of £3,170.72 carried forward to Newbury today.

Placepot: £12.40. Quadpot: £25.50.

Ayr

Going: [illegible]

2.20 [illegible] Kilone Abbot [illegible]

2.50 [illegible] Persian House [illegible]

3.20 [illegible]

3.50 [illegible] On The Other Hand [illegible]

4.20 [illegible] Auburn Boy [illegible]

[illegible] pool of £404.48 carried forward to [illegible] today. CSF: £56.38. Tricast: £701.07.

4.55 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1, Loch Scavaig (D J Moffatt, 9-2); 2, Buckboard Bounce (3-1); 3, Great Easeby (6-1). After Mole [illegible] 10 ran. 2l, 1½l. D Moffatt. Tote: £7.50; £2.00, £2.40, £1.10. DF: £14.30. Trio: £46.40. CSF: £38.12. Tricast: £211.30.

Placepot: £348.40. Quadpot: £12.10.

Ripon

Going: good to firm

2.30 (5f) 1, Montrestar (J Fortune, 7-1); 2, Scathebury (2-1 fav); 3, Don't Tell Anyone (5-1). 8 ran. Hd, 3l. P Evans. Tote: £10.20; £2.00, £1.10, £1.50. DF: £14.00. CSF: £21.53.

3.00 (5f) 1, Fangio (P McCabe, 11-4); 2, Rotherm Blue (14-1); 3, Gonnsky (4-5 fav). 13 ran. NR: Bettyinmad. ½l, sh hd. W G M Turner. Tote: £4.70; £1.60, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £27.90. Trio: £8.80. CSF: £40.30.

3.30 (1m) 1, Bettergeton (S Sanders, 5-1); 2, Barrel Of Hope (14-1); 3, Hujaab (11-8 fav). 7 ran. ½l, 1½l. P Bevan. Tote: £11.10; £3.30, £4.70. DF: £42.40. CSF: £58.77.

4.00 (1m 4f 60yd) 1, Tessajoe (L Charnock, 7-2); 2, Westminster (10-1); 3, Salamian (4-1). Contrafire 5-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Crespo. 1½l, 5l. M Camacho. Tote: £4.30; £2.20, £3.30. DF: £31.70. CSF: £31.70.

4.30 (5f) 1, Prince Belfort (G MacDonald, 12-1); 2, Miss Siham (14-1); 3, Leading Princess (16-1). Charterhall [illegible] fav. 13 ran. Nk, hd. J Eyre. Tote: £21.40; £4.20, £3.30, £4.40. DF: £179.70. Trio: not won (pool of £814.22 carried forward to 3.40 at Newbury today). CSF: £162.20. Tricast: £2,467.94.

5.00 (1m) 1, Danegold (K Darley, 2-1 fav); 2, Dancy King (7-2); 3, Splendid Steps (7-1). 8 ran. NR: Standard [illegible]. M Channon. Tote: £2.60; £1.90, £1.10. DF: £4.30. Trio: £27.20. CSF: £9.79.

Placepot: £8,456.50. Quadpot: not won (pool of £48.60 carried forward to Newbury today).

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Cole sees positive side of Newmarket defeat

Painter's Row produces superior finish in Craven

Richard Evans watches a classic trial whose importance could be undermined by a slow early pace

PHIL BULL, the founder of *Timeform*, once described racing as a "great triviality" when compared with everyday life. Others have spoken of the sport's glorious uncertainty. Paul Cole, the thoughtful Lambourn trainer, produced his own homespun philosophy after a Craven Stakes yesterday which served only to confuse.

"It is like playing darts," he said after Montjoy failed by a neck to catch Painter's Row in the classic trial, with Nwaamis a head away in third. "You have just got to throw a marker and get a feel."

After his sighter with Montjoy, Cole will have cause to think he can hit the bullseye offered by the Madagans 2,000 Guineas on May 6. Montjoy was beaten only three-quarters of a length by Pennekamp in the group one Prix de la Salamandre last summer and yet is considered to be third in the 2,000 Guineas batting order, behind Green Perfume and Sri Pekan, at Whatcombe.

The trio of colts have worked against each other on Cole's gallops this spring so his pleasure at the result is understandable. "It gives us an indication. This is our third string, which is quite good news. Montjoy will go for the German or French Guineas. Green Perfume will either come here or go to France while Sri Pekan will run in the English 2,000 Guineas."

Of course, the accuracy of Cole's yardstick yesterday hinges on the form of a classic trial in which the first three home finished in a bunch after a relatively slow pace through the first two furlongs — hardly the most reliable guide.

Having sent out Myself to win the Nell Gwyn Stakes on Tuesday, Peter Chapple-Hyam became the first trainer since Henry Cecil in 1979 to complete a classic trial double at the Craven meeting. "He might be a better horse than I thought," Manton's gifted trainer said. "I dare say we will have to come back here for the Guineas. He's as tough as old boots and never gives in."

The great unknown in everyone's mind is Celtic Swing, the best two-year-old for a generation, who reappears in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury tomorrow. If he wins with the authority he showed when spread-eagling fields at Ascot and, more particularly, at Doncaster last term, this week's trials could prove to be nothing more than an irrelevance.

Chapple-Hyam summed up the prevailing feeling, adding: "I am not intimidated by Celtic Swing. We need a champion and let's hope it is Celtic Swing, but the rest of us won't give up without a fight."

The Celtic Swing factor is making life equally complicated for the big-race calculations of the leading bookmakers. Corals took a view after yesterday's trial and cut the Lady Herries-trained favourite to even money from 6-4, and go 3-1 Pennekamp, 7-1 Sri Pekan, 8-1 Diffident, 14-1 Painter's Row, 20-1 others. Ladbrokes kept Celtic Swing at 5-4 and go 5-1 Diffident and Pennekamp (from 6-1), 8-1 Sri Pekan, 16-1 others.

Perhaps the man with the toughest decision to make is Sheikh Mohammed, owner of both Diffident and Pennekamp, who has been monitoring this week's trials from Dubai. He is expected to decide on Monday or Tuesday whether Diffident or Pennekamp will join Goldmark for the French Guineas or if both should line up at Newmarket. If Celtic Swing wins impressively, he may be tempted to send Pennekamp to Longchamp and see how Celtic Swing copes with the very fast Diffident.

Twenty-four hours after winning with his first two-year-old runner of the season, David Loder followed up with Lucayan Prince in the EBF Stutney Maiden Stakes and so registered his sixth victory this season from only ten runners. Lucayan Prince, bought by Charlie Gordon-Watson for $55,000 at the Keeneland September Sales and owned by Edward St George's Lucayan Stud, overcame inexperience to run out a convincing two length winner and could be Royal Ascot bound.

□ Traikey is likely to go straight for the Madagans 2,000 Guineas, for which he is quoted at 25-1 by Corals, after being withdrawn from the Craven Stakes at Newmarket yesterday. The Jack Banks-trained colt, the impressive winner of a Yarmouth maiden on his only start as a juvenile, was found to be suffering from a temperature.

Pitman eyes Ayr target

ROYAL ATHLETE will attempt to become the first horse since Red Rum in 1974 to win the Grand National and its Scottish equivalent in the same season. The Jenny Pitman-trained 12-year-old, 40-1 when the seven-length winner at Aintree, was installed the 6-1 favourite by Ladbrokes for his Ayr objective.

Mrs Pitman's son and assistant, Mark, confirmed that the stable would have three runners — Royal Athlete, Do Be Brief and Willsford — in the £60,000-added handicap chase over four miles and one furlong. "Royal Athlete has come out of the National well and is in great form," he said. "Jason Titley will ride again and we are hopeful of another good run."

Warren Marston rides Do Be Brief with Rod Farrant on Willsford.

JULIAN HERBERT

Painter's Row, right, takes the measure of Nwaamis in the Craven Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

NEWBURY

THUNDERER
2.10 Dismissed
2.40 Tamure
3.10 Gay Gallanta
3.40 Sir Joey
4.10 Bobanlyn
4.40 Tarhhib
5.10 TARTHOOTH (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 GAY GALLANTA.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 Tamure. 3.10 Hoh Magic. 4.40 TARHHIB (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.10 BECKHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,350: 5f 34yd) (14 runners)

101 (7) APRIL THE EIGHTH (M Siu) B Hills 9-0 M Hills –
102 (10) BLUE DELIGHT (E and B Productions (Theatre) Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 S Whitworth –
103 (11) BOZEMAN (Lord Carnarvon) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery –
104 (2) CARICATURE (White Bear Ltd) G Lewis 9-0 Paul Eddery –
105 (1) CURRENT LEADER (P Savill) R Hannon 9-0 K Darley –
106 (13) DISMISSED (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn –
107 (4) EXTRA HOUR (M Payton) W Muir 9-0 M J Kinane –
108 (6) 4- FRIENDLY FORESTER 14 (Mrs S Robins) R Charlton 9-0 W Ryan –
109 (14) HOH RETURNS (D Allport) M Bell 9-0 M Fenton –
110 (3) MAN OF WIT (L Fust) A Jarvis 9-0 B Thomson –
111 (9) 5- MARTARA 16 (C Scott & Partners) M Channon 9-0 R Hughes –
112 (5) POLISH LEGION (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori –
113 (8) TWO SOCKS (Mrs S Mason) M McCormack 9-0 W R Swinburn –
114 (12) WOODBOROUGH (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid –

BETTING: 9-4 Dismissed, 7-2 Woodborough, 4-1 Polish Legion, 7-1 Friendly Forester, 8-1 Bozeman, 10-1 others.

1994: GENERAL MONASH 9-0 J Reid (15-8 fav) P Chapple-Hyam 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

APRIL THE EIGHTH (Foaled Mar 12; cost 20,000gns). By Statoblest; dam placed in Irish listed race. BOZEMAN (Jan 11; 10,000gns). By Cyrano De Bergerac. DISMISSED (Apr 24; $210,000). Half-brother by Dayjur to Oaks winner Jet Ski Lady; dam won five times. EXTRA HOUR (Jan 15, 21,000gns). Brother by Cyrano De Bergerac to sprinter Miss Nosey Parker. FRIENDLY FORESTER 9l 4th to Whicksey Perry in conditions stakes at Lingfield (5f, good). HOH RETURNS (Mar 14, 72,000gns). By Fairy King; dam Irish listed race winner. MARTARA 5l 6th to Playmaker in maiden at Ripon (5f, good to soft). POLISH LEGION (Mar 23; 33,000gns). Half-brother by Polish President to 7f group III winner Crystal Gazing. WOODBOROUGH (Feb 21). First foal, by Woodman; dam placed in Irish 1,000 Guineas.
No selection

2.40 PETER SMITH MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES
BBC2
(3-Y-O: £4,403: 1m 3f 5yd) (15 runners)

201 (1) 0- CANDLE SMILE 190 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn 78
202 (4) CORRADINI (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 Pat Eddery –
203 (15) CYPRESS AVENUE (C Spencer-Phillips) R Hannon 9-0 R Perham –
204 (2) HEATH ROBINSON (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 G Hind –
205 (12) 4 HE KNOWS THE RULES 22 (J Heywood) M Channon 9-0 R Hughes 81
206 (6) MONTEJURRA (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 M J Kinane –
207 (8) PEATSVILLE (P Taplin) M Channon 9-0 C Rutter –
208 (13) 4- STREAKY HAWK 188 (Mrs M Arbib) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 89
209 (14) 50- TAKLIF 183 (H Al Maktoum) B Hills 9-0 W Carson 95
210 (7) TAMURE (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori –
211 (9) 05- TYPHOON EIGHT 183 (M Siu) B Hills 9-0 M Hills [illegible]
212 (11) 4- UNITED FORCE 268 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid 85
213 (5) VITUS (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan –
214 (3) ROYAL CIRCLE (Cliveden Stud) R Charlton 9-0 K Darley –
215 (10) 06- ZALAMENT 182 (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-9 B Thomson 76

BETTING: 7-2 Tamure, 9-2 Vitus, 5-1 Montejurra, 7-1 Candle Smile, Corradini, 8-1 United Force, 10-1 others.

1994: RUBHAHUNISH 9-0 J Reid (9-2) P Chapple-Hyam 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CANDLE SMILE 11l 7th of 26 to Vetport in maiden at Newmarket (1m, good). HE KNOWS THE RULES 11l 4th to Parisian Springs in maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, soft). STREAKY HAWK 5¼l 4th to Royal Philosopher in conditions stakes at Doncaster (1m, soft). TAKLIF 3¼l 5th of 15 to Smart Alec in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. TYPHOON EIGHT 6¾l 6th of 10 to Painter's Row in group III Vodafone Horris Hill Stakes here (7f 64yd, good to soft) with TAKLIF 11¾l 7th. Earlier 9l 5th to Painter's Row in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) with ZALAMENT 7l 13th. UNITED FORCE 3¼l 4th to Prince of India in maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). VITUS half-brother by Dancing Brave to useful Kinema.
No selection

3.10 GAINSBOROUGH STUD FRED DARLING STAKES
BBC2
(Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £22,740: 7f 64yd) (8 runners)

301 (3) 15- ALL TIME GREAT 202 (G) (Helena Springfield Ltd) L Cumani 9-0 L Dettori 74
302 (5) 11- AQAARID 209 (F,S) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 87
303 (1) 302261- AUTUMN AFFAIR 211 (S) (R Richards) C Brittain 9-0 B Doyle 70
304 (2) 122- FIENDISH 255 (F) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 74
305 (6) 51231- GAY GALLANTA 206 (F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 9-0 W R Swinburn [illegible]
306 (4) 131114- HOH MAGIC 206 (F,S) (D Allport) M Bell 9-0 M Hills 93
307 (7) 211218- LOYALIZE 208 (F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 9-0 M J Kinane 87
308 (8) 2160- SIGNS 290 (G) (Rolyinvale Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 Pat Eddery 76

BETTING: 2-1 Gay Gallanta, 9-4 Aqaarid, 6-1 Hoh Magic, 8-1 Fiendish, 10-1 All Time Great, Loyalize, 12-1 others.

1994: BULAXIE 9-0 W Carson (5-2) J Dunlop 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALL TIME GREAT 5l 5th of 8 to Hiwaya in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good). AQAARID completed double beat Jezal ½l in 8-runner group 1 Fillies' Mile at Ascot (1m, good to soft). AUTUMN AFFAIR beat Pastel 1l in 11-runner nursery at Ascot (6f, good to soft). FIENDISH 2l 2nd of 5 to La Contessa in conditions stakes at Yarmouth (7f, good). GAY GALLANTA beat Tamami ½l in 10-runner group I Shadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good) with HOH MAGIC about 1¾l 4th and LOYALIZE 21l last. HOH MAGIC beat Bruttina 1½l in group I Prix Morny at Deauville (6f, soft) on penultimate start. LOYALIZE beat Painted Madam 3½l in listed race at Ayr (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. SIGNS 8½l last of 7 to Red Carnival in group III Hillsdown Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket (6f, good to firm).
Selection: GAY GALLANTA

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam, 30 winners from 92 runners, 32.6%; L Cumani, 12 from 51, 23.5%; J Gosden, 24 from 110, 21.8%; H Cecil, 14 from 70, 20.0%; G Lewis, 10 from 59, 16.9%; R Charlton, 15 from 95, 15.8%; B Hanbury, 7 from 49, 14.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 42 winners from 229 rides, 18.3%; L Dettori, 30 from 180, 16.7%; J Reid, 34 from 205, 16.6%; W Carson, 29 from 198, 14.6%; D Harrison, 10 from 76, 13.2%; W R Swinburn, 18 from 141, 12.8%; R Cochrane, 16 from 146, 11.0%.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 NEWBURY RACECOURSE SHOPPING ARCADE RATED HANDICAP
BBC2
(£8,461: 5f 34yd) (14 runners)

401 (14) 0430-00 REGAL CHIMES 13 (D,F,G) (M Sturgess) B McMahon 6-9-7 K Darley 92
402 (10) 025230- CRYSTAL MAGIC 226 (D,F) (D Sieff) R Hannon 4-9-6 J Reid 89
403 (5) 003480- SPANIARDS CLOSE 187 (D,G,S) (Avon Industries Ltd) P Makin 7-9-5 Pat Eddery 96
404 (12) 146082- LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 181 (D,F,G,S) (E Young) M Heaton-Ellis 7-9-4 R Perham 97
405 (1) 02/5113- HUMBERT'S LANDING 285 (D,F,G) (Lord Donoughmore) P Cole 4-9-2 T Quinn 94
406 (2) 036100- DARREN BOY 216 (F,G) (D Allport) P Cole 4-9-2 P McCabe (5) 88
407 (6) 100424- ASHTINA 181 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs S Joyner) R Hodges 10-9-1 L Dettori 98
408 (7) 004020- ROYALE FIGURINE 181 (CD,F,G,S) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-0 W R Swinburn [illegible]
409 (8) 03/1040- BRAVE EDGE 279 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Peatt) R Hannon 4-8-12 R Hughes 89
410 (11) 600033- SIR JOEY 185 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 6-8-11 S Drowne (5) 98
411 (9) 30001-0 MISTER JOLSON 28 (C,D,F,G,S) (J Marsell) R Hodges 6-8-11 R Cochrane 96
412 (3) 03330-2 ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 14 (D,F,G) (G Steinberg) L Holt 6-8-9 A McGlone 98
413 (13) 346/24-0 ANN'S PEARL 14 (D,S) (Mrs P Levinson) J Hills 4-8-4 M Hills 88
414 (4) 0263-00 EAGLE DAY 20 (B,BF) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-8-4 N Varley (5) 98

Long handicap: Eagle Day 7-2.

BETTING: 5-1 Humbert's Landing, 11-2 Mister Jolson, 7-1 Allthruthenight, 8-1 Regal Chimes, 10-1 others.

1994: VILLAGE GREEN 4-8-1 B Doyle (100-1) K Cunningham-Brown 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

LORD HIGH ADMIRAL neck 2nd of 10 to Inherent Magic in handicap at Doncaster (5f, good to soft) with ASHTINA (3lb better off) 1½l and head 4th and ROYALE FIGURINE (3lb better off) 8½l 10th. HUMBERT'S LANDING short-head and head 3rd of 26 to For The Present in handicap at Goodwood (6f, firm) with MISTER JOLSON (3lb worse off) about 3¾l 8th. ROYAL FIGURINE 1¼l 2nd of 23 to Cape Merino in handicap at Ascot (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start with SIR JOEY (2lb better off) 1¾l 3rd. ASHTINA (2lb better off) ¾l 4th, EAGLE DAY (3lb worse off) 1¾l 6th and ALLTHRUTHENIGHT (1lb worse off) 4¼l 12th. MISTER JOLSON 4½l 9th of 22 to Castlerea Lad in handicap at Doncaster (6f, good to firm) with EAGLE DAY 13¼l 19th. ALLTHRUTHENIGHT neck 2nd of 11 to Nordico Princess in handicap at Lingfield (5f, good to firm) with ANN'S PEARL (5lb better off) 5¾l 8th.
Selection: ROYALE FIGURINE

4.10 STROUD GREEN HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,949: 1m) (14 runners)

501 (10) 316215- INTIRAM 174 (D,G,S) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-7 W Carson 95
502 (14) 206115- SYLVANDRA 181 (G) (Mrs P Wyatt) P Murphy 9-6 J Williams 87
503 (2) 428- CHATTAROY 204 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-4 L Dettori 87
504 (11) 3125-6 MENTOR 14 (S) (Ippotour S A) R Charlton 9-4 D Harrison 92
505 (1) 02316- LIPIZZANER 245 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0 M J Kinane 95
506 (12) 041- MYRTLE QUEST 186 (D,F) (Miss M Sheriffe) R Charlton 8-12 K Darley 94
507 (3) 621203- MIDWICH CUCKOO 202 (F) (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 8-10 Pat Eddery 92
508 (4) 811404- BEDIVERE 189 (G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8 J Reid 94
509 (5) 015- SANTA FAN 212 (F) (A Elliott) P Cole 8-6 T Quinn 89
510 (8) 20400- SHIFTING MOON 182 (J Smith) I Balding 8-6 R Cochrane 90
511 (9) 40-3 WILLIE CONQUER 15 (R Tooth) R Akehurst 8-4 G Carter 96
512 (13) 314- NOBLE SPRINTER 294 (F) (Khanmaher) R Hannon 8-4 R Perham 80
513 (7) 141304- BOBANLYN 183 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Walker) D Morris 8-4 Stephen Davies [illegible]
514 (6) 431- CRUMPTON HILL 205 (D,G) (T Chesney) N Graham 8-1 Paul Eddery 98

BETTING: 9-2 Willie Conquer, 6-1 Chattaroy, 7-1 Myrtle Quest, 8-1 Bedivere, Intiram, Lipizzaner, 10-1 others.

1994: STASH THE CASH 8-7 L Dettori (7-1) R Hannon 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

INTIRAM beat Even Top Us 3l in 17-runner nursery at Doncaster (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start with SHIFTING MOON (16lb better off) 17l 11th. SYLVANDRA beat Star Tulip head in 7-runner conditions race at Chepstow (6f, good) on penultimate start. CHATTAROY about 4l 6th of 15 to Smart Alec in maiden at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). LIPIZZANER beat Amin 1¾l in 8-runner maiden at Newmarket (6f, good) on penultimate start. MYRTLE QUEST beat Dances With Hooves 2l in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). MIDWICH CUCKOO 1¾l 3rd of 14 to Sumoquinn in nursery at Newmarket (6f, good). BEDIVERE best juvenile effort when 1½l 4th of 9 to Anniversarypresent in nursery at York (7f, good to firm).
Selection: MIDWICH CUCKOO

4.40 BRIDGET MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O fillies: £4,240: 7f) (19 runners)

601 (17) ACADEMY LIFE (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 Pat Eddery –
602 (8) ALL THE TIME (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn –
603 (19) AMANY (M Wali) G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery –
604 (13) BRAVE PRINCESS (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-11 P Robinson –
605 (16) COURAGEOUS DANCER (A Ali) B Hanbury 8-11 W Ryan –
606 (18) EASTER COUL (C Pearman) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11 J Reid –
607 (12) FARANI (C Harper) R Charlton 8-11 K Darley –
608 (3) IRIDESCENT BLUE (I S Racing) D Arbuthnot 8-11 R Hughes –
609 (5) LIDHAMA (A Al Khalifa) G Lewis 8-11 S Whitworth –
610 (2) LOBANA (Z Gabadari) J Hills 8-11 M Hills –
611 (10) LORSANGINNER (D Chandon) S Dow 8-11 Stephen Davies –
612 (6) LOVELY LYCA (The Lovers Owners Group) J Hills 8-11 B Thomson –
613 (9) MIGHTY SQUAW (Cavendish Racing Ltd) Miss G Kelleway 8-11 R Cochrane –
614 (4) PACIFIC OVERTURE (Mrs A Mackie) C Balwell 8-11 J Williams –
615 (15) PRICKWILLOW (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11 L Dettori –
616 (11) PROUD DESTINY (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 W R Swinburn –
617 (14) ROKA (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 8-11 M J Kinane –
618 (1) SADLER'S PEARL (P Owen) B Meehan 8-11 B Doyle –
619 (7) TARHHIB (H Al Maktoum) J Gosden 8-11 W Carson –

BETTING: 4-1 Tarhhib, 5-1 Prickwillow, 6-1 All The Time, Proud Destiny, 10-1 Academy Life, Roka, 12-1 others.

1994: CLOVIS POINT 8-11 L Dettori (3-1) J Gosden 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

ACADEMY LIFE. Half-sister by Royal Academy to smart juvenile Fair Cop; dam sprint winner. ALL THE TIME. Half-sister by Dancing Brave to high-class miler Reprimand. BRAVE PRINCESS. Half-sister by Dancing Brave to Wood Ditton winner and Derby fourth Supreme Leader. PRICKWILLOW. By Nureyev; dam high-class middle-distance performer. TARHHIB. Half-sister by Danzig to top-class French middle-distance performer Dancehall.
No selection

5.10 THATCHAM HANDICAP
(£6,131: 2m) (11 runners)

1 (11) 11/2- OLD PROVENCE 323 (F) (R Dawson) I Campbell 5-10-0 A Mackay 88
2 (7) 121216- BOLD GAIT 208 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs I Phillips) J Fanshawe 4-9-10 D Harrison 97
3 (2) 243300- BARDOLPH 187 (D,F,G,S) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 8-8-9 T Quinn 97
4 (1) 011- FATHER SKY 20J (G) (K Kerisfeld) O Sherwood 4-8-6 B Thomson –
5 (10) 6150-00 BRANDON PRINCE 20 (CD,F,G,S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 7-8-3 K Darley 86
6 (9) 33310- SHADIRWAN 208 (G) (R Armstrong) R Akehurst 4-7-13 G Carter –
7 (6) 031102- TARTHOOTH 214 (F,G) (H Al Maktoum) C Benstead 4-7-9 W Carson [illegible]
8 (4) 25/000-0 REQUESTED 15 (D,F,G) (B Akder) P Burgoyne 8-7-7 G Bardwell –
9 (8) 00-3444 ELBURG 28 (F) (Mrs A Gamble) R Hoad 5-7-7 J Quinn 86
10 (3) 353415- SIGHT'N SOUND 93J (G) (Oh So Hasty Partnership) D Elsworth 4-7-7 N Varley (5) 95
11 (5) 03000-3 ROMALITO 81 (C McKenna) M Blanshard 5-7-7 M Baird (5) 88

Long handicap: Requested 7-5, Elburg 7-5, Sight'n Sound 7-3, Romalito 7-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Tarthooth, 4-1 Bold Gait, 5-1 Shadirwan, 7-1 Bardolph, Old Provence, 8-1 others.

1994: SAFETY IN NUMBERS 4-9-7 W R Swinburn (100-30) Lady Herries 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

OLD PROVENCE 5l 2nd of 3 to Peter Quince in conditions race at Beverley (1m 4f, good to firm). BOLD GAIT beat Tudor Island 5l in 17-runner handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good) on penultimate start. TARTHOOTH ¾l 2nd of 19 to Ibsen in handicap at Nottingham (2m, soft). ELBURG 9¼l 4th of 14 to Upper Mount Clair in handicap at Doncaster (2m 2f, good to firm) with BRANDON PRINCE (3lb better off) 4¼l 11th.
Selection: BOLD GAIT (nap)

Aqaarid to make class tell

NEWBURY
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2.40: The market should prove invaluable here. Among the unraced horses, Willie Ryan's booking for Vitus suggests he is the pick of Henry Cecil's trio. Tamure and Royal Circle are by Sadler's Wells, whose progeny are generally happier on easier ground. I prefer those with racecourse experience and row in with **Candle Smile**.

Michael Stoute's colt, a pleasing seventh on his sole juvenile outing, should be suited by this trip. Peter Chapple-Hyam's representative, United Force, is nothing special on paper and seemed uneasy on fast ground at Goodwood last term. Others for the short list are Streaky Hawk and Taklif.

3.10: Gay Gallanta, not penalised for her group one victory last season, has been held up for a couple of days with a bruised foot. She has a sharp turn of foot, but her minor setback tips the balance in favour of **Aqaarid**. The Nashwan filly would make a formidable opponent in any circumstances. Her preparation has been smooth and her undoubted class can see her through over this trip, which may be a shade short. Conversely, Hoh Magic may be stretched to last home. She has put up her best performances over the minimum trip. All Time Great and Loyalize, who disappointed on their final starts last term, are both capable of better. The former is likely to need the run.

3.40: This can go to **Allthruthenight**. This evergreen sprinter is better suited to faster tracks but the advantage of a previous run should be considerable against several seasonal debutants. He advertised his wellbeing when finishing fast over this trip at Lingfield two weeks ago. Humbert's Landing should make his presence felt, although he needed a run to reach peak fitness last season. Mister Jolson, having warmed up at Doncaster last month, will be a lot closer here. Spaniards Close goes well fresh but would prefer softer ground.

JULIAN MUSCAT

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

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THUNDERER
2.00 St Mellion Fairway. 2.30 Frickley. 3.00 Lochnagrain. 3.30 Dark Oak. 4.00 Brief Gale. 4.30 Dancing Dove.

GOING: GOOD SIS

2.00 FAIRFIELD HOUSE HOTEL NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,948: 3m 110yd) (13 runners)

1 010P HAGAR 17 (D,G) J Charlton 6-11-10 K Johnson 66
2 0501 SLOTAMATIQUE 28 (F) G Richards 6-11-10 R Dunwoody 74
3 0312 ST MELLION FAIRWAY 32 (S) J Old 6-11-10 T Grantham [illegible]
4 30 ANSURO AGAIN 34 Mrs M Reveley 6-11-3 P Niven –
5 4040 CANAAN VALLEY 18 D Robertson 7-11-3 R Bellamy 68
6 CHERRY STONE L Lungo 6-11-3 F Perratt (3) –
7 00 MR SLOAN 132 J Goldie 5-11-3 G Lee (5) –
8 403 NIKI DEE 17 P Beaumont 5-11-3 R Supple 52
9 OVER THE CORRIB J Curtis 5-11-3 L O'Hara –
10 050 SECRET BID 28 R Alner 5-11-3 Pat Thompson (7) 66
11 -P30 SPECTACULAR STAR 17 K Bailey 6-11-3 A Thornton 87
12 6F0P FOREVER SILVER 17 L Lungo 5-10-12 T Reed –
13 4006 GOLD PIGEON 20 B Rothwell 6-10-12 A S Smith 64

5-4 St Mellion Fairway, 7-2 Slotamatique, 6-1 Spectacular Star, 8-1 Ansuro Again, 10-1 Niki Dee, 14-1 Hagar, Secret Bid, 16-1 others.

2.30 ROYAL HIGHLAND FUSILIERS CHALLENGE CUP
(Handicap chase: £3,821: 2m) (8)

1 1132 AROUND THE HORN 24 (CD,G,S) J Gifford 6-12-0 S McNeill 94
2 0011 ONE FOR THE POT 34 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs A Naughton 10-11-5 J Supple (5) 96
3 F-3P FRICKLEY 153 (D,G,S) G Richards 9-11-4 R Dunwoody –
4 6P34 RODEO STAR 24 (B,CD,F,G,S) N Tinkler 9-11-1 M Dwyer 96
5 0221 POLITICAL TOWER 20 (CD,G,S) M Barnes 8-10-13 T Reed [illegible]
6 -P60 MONTPELIER LAD 132 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 8-10-8 B Harding (5) –
7 3224 CROSS CANNON 123 (F,G) J Hellens 9-10-5 A Larnach (3) 98
8 521F BELDINE 20 (D,F,G,S) P Monteith 10-10-5 C Llewellyn 94

9-4 Around The Horn, 4-1 Frickley, 9-2 Rodeo Star, 5-1 One For The Pot, 6-1 Political Tower, 12-1 Beldine, 14-1 others.

3.00 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,825: 2m) (12)

1 1 GROOVING 31 (S) J Gifford 6-11-9 P Hide 83
2 5201 JYMJAM JOHNNY 42 (D,S) J J O'Neill 6-11-9 M Dwyer 93
3 2123 LOCHNAGRAIN 46 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-9 P Niven [illegible]
4 4241 VAL DE RAMA 8 (F) Denys Smith 6-11-9 C Llewellyn 86
5 0 BANGABUNNY 22 Mrs S Bramall 5-11-2 J Burke –
6 0 CALDER'S GROVE 80 Miss L Perratt 5-11-2 T Reed –
7 -03P DERWENT LAD 17 M Barnes 6-11-2 P Waggott 73
8 MILITARY ACADEMY G Richards 6-11-2 R Dunwoody –
9 55 ONESEVENFOUR 58 G Richards 6-11-2 M Moloney –
10 POTTER'S BAY G Richards 6-11-2 B Harding (5) –
11 -510 TARA RAMBLER 37 (G) Miss S Hall 6-11-2 J Callaghan –
12 0-0P FORBURIES 67 A James 6-10-11 C Maude –

5-2 Grooving, 7-2 Lochnagrain, 5-1 Jymjam Johnny, 7-1 Val De Rama, 8-1 Military Academy, 12-1 Tara Rambler, Potter's Bay, 16-1 others.

3.30 HILLHOUSE QUARRY HANDICAP CHASE
(£7,205: 2m 4f) (5)

1 124U GENERAL PERSHING 13 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 9-12-0 R Dunwoody 90
2 13UF BEACHY HEAD 37 (D,G,S) J J O'Neill 7-11-5 M Dwyer 94
3 F412 KENTISH PIPER 28 (D,F,G,S) N Gaselee 10-10-13 C Llewellyn 95
4 P211 SEVEN OF DIAMONDS 20 (D,F,G,S) P Alner 10-10-8 C Maude 98
5 U101 DARK OAK 16 (D,G,S) J Curr [illegible]-10-0 L O'Hara [illegible]

9-4 Seven Of Diamonds, 5-2 General Pershing, 7-2 Beachy Head, 4-1 Kentish Piper, 6-1 Dark Oak.

4.00 EDINBURGH WOOLLEN MILL ILPH NOVICES CHASE
(£6,271: 3m 1f) (9)

1 2211 KILCOLGAN 10 (CD,F,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 8-12-0 A Thornton 50
2 12U8 MAD THYME 37 (G,S) N Gaselee 8-12-0 C Llewellyn 50
3 215F UNGUIDED MISSILE 37 (G) G Richards 7-12-0 R Dunwoody 60
4 2311 BRIEF GALE 37 (D,G,S) J Gifford 8-11-9 P Hide [illegible]
5 -PF1 SAN FERNANDO 71 (S) J Gifford 9-11-8 M Dwyer 50
6 215P FORTUNE'S GIRL 20 (CD,F,G) M Hammond 7-11-3 P Niven 50
7 2P0P BEAUREPAIRE 43 R Alner 7-11-2 C Maude –
8 1/5U BENGHAZI 83 (S) A Thomson 11-11-2 Mr D Parker –
9 -PP6 PADDY MORRISSEY 77 J Haldane 8-11-2 B Harding –

2-1 Brief Gale, 7-1 Unguided Missile, 10-1 Mad Thyme, 12-1 Kilcolgan, San Fernando, 25-1 Beaurepaire, 33-1 others.

4.30 ROYAL BURGH OF AYR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,019: 2m) (8)

1 5-54 ADRIEN 6 (B,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-12-0 J Burke –
2 3/0- RIVER ISLAND 505 (D,S) J Old 7-11-11 Pat Thompson (3) –
3 6445 IMHOTEP 3 (D,F,G) W Cunningham 8-10-11 W Fry 89
4 1214 MAJOR'S LAW 46 (D,G,S) J White 6-10-9 P McLoughlin 96
5 2023 DANCING DOVE 28 (D,F,G) G Richards 7-10-8 B Harding 97
6 /3-0 CASUAL PASS 18 (B,CD,F,G,S) L Lungo 12-10-6 F Perratt 96
7 -026 SH[illegible]RRIBA 28 (D,S) D Moffatt 6-10-8 D J Moffatt [illegible]
8 -251 MASTER BRACKEN 142 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-5 G Lee 94

7-4 Master Bracken, 4-1 Dancing Dove, 9-2 Casual Pass, 6-1 Major's Law, 7-1 River Island, 9-1 Sh[illegible]rriba, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 35 winners from 116 runners, 30.2%; P Beaumont, 3 from 12, 25.0%; J J O'Neill, 20 from 86, 23.3%; G Richards, 53 from 236, 22.5%; J Goldie, 4 from 18, 22.2%; M Hammond, 11 from 78, 14.1%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 39 winners from 146 rides, 26.7%; J Supple, 5 from 22, 22.7%; M Dwyer, 13 from 68, 19.1%; B Harding, 4 from 24, 16.7%; A Larnach, 3 from 23, 13.0%; A Thornton, 3 from 25, 12.0%.

Point-to-point results

WEDNESDAY: Tiverton (Hockworthy) Hunt: 1, Little Lemon (L Jefford, 6-4), 2, Pardino, 3, Magnolia Man. 5 ran. Confined: 1, Flame O'Frensi (Miss J Cumings, 4-5 fav), 2, Brimstone Hill, 3, One Over The Eight. 8 ran. Ladies: 1, Cornish Cossack (Miss P Curling, 2-9 fav), 2, Great Pokey, 3, Semaphor Hill. 4 ran. Open: 1, Bluechipenterprise (R Darke, 1-3 fav), 2, Yiragan, 3, Character Reference. 8 ran. PPORA: 1, Brack 'N' Brandy (P Henley, 12-1), 2, Henley Wood, 3, Proud Point. 14 ran. Mdn I: 1, Monkton (R White, 7-2), 2, Esene L[illegible]e Cores, 3, One For The Cross. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Country Style (P Henley, 7-4 fav), 2, Parson Flynn, 3, Nearly At Sea. 14 ran.

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World snooker champion narrowly misses maximum break

Hendry closes in on quarter-finals

By Phil Yates

TWELVE months ago, Stephen Hendry arrived for the middle session of his second-round match in the Embassy world snooker championship in severe pain after fracturing a bone in his left arm. This year, the Scot is in no way handicapped and is running into form.

That was evident yesterday as he established an 11-5 lead over Tony Drago, of Malta, to move within two frames of a place in the quarter-finals and his seventeenth consecutive victory at the Crucible. Hendry, unbeaten in snooker's leading event since a 13-11 quarter-final defeat by Steve James in 1991, still left the arena feeling a shade disappointed after unluckily ruining a realistic opportunity to compile a maximum break and qualify for the £147,000 bonus that accompanies it.

In the eleventh frame, Hendry potted the first ten reds with ten blacks. The possibility of a 147 was looming large until, in potting the eleventh red, he chipped another out of the pack that obstructed the cue-ball's path to a straightforward black.

Hendry, the favourite to win the title, for the fifth time in six years, constructed additional breaks of 54, 99 and 80 and won the ninth frame on the black with a 41 clearance.

Drago, whose continued occupation of a place in the world's top 16 next season is assured, also contributed to a fast-flowing session with a run of 88 in the fourteenth frame. That consisted of 11 reds and 11 blacks, but, with renewed prospects of a 147, he missed a red down the side cushion using the rest.

The one inescapable weakness in Ronnie O'Sullivan's game — susceptibility to a lapse in concentration — prevented him from building a sizeable first-session advantage against Darren Morgan, a semi-finalist last year. Although it was undoubtedly a flattering scoreline, O'Sullivan, who is aiming to supplant Hendry as the youngest world champion, led 4-1 with breaks of 60, 72 and consecutive black-ball frame wins.

Indeed, the 39 clearance that enabled O'Sullivan to snatch the fourth frame from Morgan's grasp developed into a showcase for his outstanding long-potting skills as it included difficult shots on both blue and pink.

Hendry: finding form

Time and again, though, O'Sullivan finds it impossible to sustain such form. In the last three frames of the session, he aggregated only 18 points and committed a sequence of unexpected mistakes to allow Morgan back into contention. Morgan, the No 8 seed, outscored O'Sullivan 603-314 during the course of a session in which he recorded breaks of 48 twice, 78, 59, 56, 46 and 72.

Peter Ebdon, among the leading contenders to reach the final from the bottom half of the draw, drew away from a 4-4 overnight deadlock to lead Mark Davis, the surprise conqueror of Ken Doherty in the first round, 10-6. Ebdon, the world No 10, edged ahead for the first time at 5-4 with a 79 break in the opening frame of the morning, and he produced a 45 clearance to add the next on the black for 6-4.

The disciplinary committee of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, the game's governing body, will resume its inquiry into alleged betting irregularities concerning the first-round match between Jimmy White and Peter Francisco in Manchester on May 8.

On Wednesday, White was cleared of involvement in the alleged coup, but the inquiry has still to determine whether Francisco, 33, of South Africa, was in breach of the rules of discipline. Ann Yates, the tournament director, has confirmed that Francisco's prize-money, £8,750, will be withheld until the result of the inquiry is known.

SECOND-ROUND SCORES: P Ebdon (Eng) leads M Davis (Eng) 10-6; S Hendry (Scot) leads A Drago (Malta) 11-5; D Morgan (Wales) and R O'Sullivan (Eng) level at 4-4; G Wilkinson (Eng) leads T Griffiths (Wales) 4-2

Savicevic celebrates an individual triumph

Rob Hughes sees the brilliant Montenegrin lead AC Milan to the European Cup Final

LUCA BRUNO

Savicevic skips around Ricardo, the Paris Saint-Germain defender, to open the scoring for AC Milan in the San Siro on Wednesday night

THE destiny of the greatest prize in club football, the European Cup, may not be simply a question of the richest triumphing after all. Ajax, a club that shows all the others the way to groom schoolboys into potential champions, already have two victories in the earlier rounds against AC Milan, their moneyed opponents in the final in Vienna on May 24.

But it was in the San Siro on Wednesday that we discerned the truth that the willpower of man, the heart that players put into performance, transcends the price tag. It may sound silly to reduce a team game to a couple of individuals, yet it is irresistible because Dejan Savicevic scored two exquisite goals. George Weah scored none and Milan beat Paris Saint-Germain by 2-0. They are two displaced persons, mercenaries of the game, refugees in search of a safe as well as enriching field to play.

Savicevic had already won the European Cup with Red Star Belgrade when he, born in Montenegro and raised in Serbia, had, like so many former Yugoslavs, to find money and unity in a place more peaceful than his homeland. He won it again with Milan last year and, on Wednesday, looked completely at ease in the San Siro; his motion appeared languid at times, but that was just a decoy, a trick to becalm the opposition.

He may now be considered as the finest No 10, neither a playmaker nor a striker, in Europe. Indeed, his own idol, Michel Platini, was in the stands, along with almost 80,000 people, to applaud him. And Platini repeated afterwards that he considers Savicevic the most complete player of his type in the modern game.

Yet, on the threshold of fulfilling his skills, there is a compelling humanity to this player. He never forgot Misko Jankovic, who discovered his talent when he was 12. So, when Jankovic was tragically killed in a motor accident, Savicevic took it upon himself to raise his mentor's own son.

And George Weah? We saw nothing of the hypnotic control, even less of the sometimes bristling fighting spirit of the man.

The Milan supporters, peering down from seats as high as 70ft above the field, knew there were reasons for this. Weah was wearing the wrong colours. He had signed a contract before the game effectively to defect from Paris to Milan and how could he dash around the field, competing with men who will soon be colleagues, attempting to put their own dream beyond them.

We could see inertia wrapped around Weah like a cloak. It was tantamount to fraud, a player who had the gift of speed and intuition, blatently declining to use them even when he worked himself into a position one-against-one with Franco Baresi, a prince amongst defenders but one whose pace is in decline.

The happy Milenese simply ignored their prospective new star. They know, these Italians, when a quality player is trying and when he is not.

But, having spoken of the human situation around Savicevic, one must also be fair to Weah. He is Liberian, the only Liberian so far to play at such a rarified height, and on the eve of this semi-final in Milan he learned that there had been yet another massacre, the wicked slaying of 62 people, back in his West African homeland. Weah is a sensitive individual, an anglophile who has raised his children to speak English. Maybe, just maybe, his Wednesday was dampened by despair.

In any event, when Milan defend the European Cup in Vienna, there will be no question of any opponent not giving his all. For there is a boyishness, thrilling attacking flare and apetite, to the new Ajax. We trust they will examine thoroughly Baresi's pace, while probably falling prey with their own vulnerable defence to the stealth of Savicevic.

McStay doubtful for Scots

By Our Sports Staff

PAUL McSTAY, the Celtic captain, is doubtful for Scotland's European championship visit to San Marino next week. McStay missed Celtic's 1-0 defeat by Heart of Midlothian at Hampden on Wednesday night because of an ankle injury and is, according to Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, "very unlikely" to join the international squad.

McStay was named on Monday by Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, in a 19-man squad for the group eight qualifier in the Serravalle Stadium next Wednesday, but even then Brown admitted that he expected his selection to be affected by withdrawals.

McStay, 30, won his 72nd Scotland cap with a fine display in the goalless draw against Russia in Moscow last month, but he missed the previous two qualifiers, against Greece and Russia, through fitness problems.

Duncan Ferguson, of Everton, is unlikely to play in the FA Cup Final after undergoing exploratory surgery on a suspected hernia yesterday. The £4 million Scotland striker will learn the results of the operation today, but Joe Royle, the Everton manager, admitted: "They have had a look at Duncan and it does seem like something needs to be done, which means another operation. At this stage, it is hard to say much more until we hear exactly what the problem is. There is still a little bit of hope. I've not totally ruled him out of the final. The medical people are going to have a good look and, hopefully, we will know more in 24 hours."

Craig Forrest, the Canada international goalkeeper, has rejected a new three-year contract with relegated Ipswich Town. Forrest, 27, is due a testimonial at Ipswich, but wants to stay in the Premiership.

George Burley, the Ipswich manager, said: "I am looking for a new keeper for next season. We have made him a marvellous offer and I have told him that there are not many better clubs he could be with, but he has turned it down officially and I have to look elsewhere as he could walk out of the club in the summer under freedom of contract."

Chester, the relegated Endsleigh Insurance League second division club, is searching for its fourth manager in ten months after the resignation, yesterday, of Derek Mann after only six weeks in the job. The former club physiotherapist took over from Mike Pejic — who was dismissed in January — on a full-time basis early last month after a stint as caretaker boss. Mann will stay on as Chester's youth development officer.

Pejic had replaced Graham Barrow, who resigned last July after leading the club to promotion. Temporary control of team affairs has been handed to Kevin Ratcliffe, the former Everton captain and Mann's assistant.

Names now being linked with the job include Sammy McIlroy, the manager of Macclesfield, the Vauxhall Conference champions-elect, John Beck, the former Cambridge and Preston North End manager, and Danny Bergara, who recently parted company with Stockport County.

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Hartlepool hand over reins to Houchen

By Our Sports Staff

FOOTBALL'S managerial merry-go-round has spun as never before this season and, yesterday, Hartlepool United, usually overlooked in the lower reaches of the Endsleigh Insurance League, did their best to keep the wheel in motion. By the time everybody left the Victoria Ground last night, Keith Houchen had been installed as the club's third manager of the 1994-95 campaign.

The day began with David McCreery, the previous incumbent, being told that his contract was not going to be renewed at the end of the season. McCreery, the former Manchester United and Northern Ireland midfield player, who had taken charge after the dismissal of John MacPhail in October, decided to resign.

Harold Hornsey, the club chairman, promised: "We will start the search for a new manager immediately" — and by the afternoon had found his man — Houchen, 34, the club's player-coach who is best known for his goal for Coventry City when they beat Tottenham Hotspur 3-2 in the 1987 FA Cup Final. Hartlepool are at present twentieth in the third division.

Hednesford lead promotion race

By Walter Gammie

THE tightest of the struggles for promotion to the Vauxhall Conference takes a further twist tomorrow when Hednesford Town, the leaders of the Beazer Homes League, travel to Gloucester City.

Gloucester, in third place, have waved goodbye to their promotion hopes, but did Hednesford a favour by holding Cheltenham Town, their bitter local rivals and Hednesford's remaining challengers, to a 1-1 draw before a crowd of 2,691 at Whaddon Road on Easter Monday.

John Baldwin, the Hednesford manager, said: "Whatever the local feelings towards Cheltenham, I'm sure that the 11 players on Saturday will not have that on their minds at all. Gloucester are the only club capable of doing the double over us. They were the first side to beat us and we know that they will be flat out trying to achieve something no other club can do."

The recruitment of the experienced Keith Bertschin and Micky Gynn, and Richard Williams, a goalkeeper, signed from Atherstone United, before transfer deadline day, have, Baldwin believes, given his squad the depth to see them to the championship.

"It's been a roller-coaster ride," Baldwin said. "First of all, Hednesford, then Cheltenham and then Hednesford again have been on top. We've got three hard games left, Cheltenham have five, but we're eight points ahead and I wouldn't swap our positions."

Cheltenham, one of whose young stars, Christer Warren, is playing courtesy of a loan from Southampton, who signed him for £40,000 last month, travels to Burton Albion tomorrow. They then play Crawley (away, on Tuesday), Cambridge City (home, tomorrow week), Leek Town (away, May 2) and VS Rugby (away, May 6). Hednesford play Leek at home tomorrow week and go to Sittingbourne on the final day of the season.

In the Conference, Macclesfield Town must wait until Tuesday, knowing dropped points by the only teams that can catch them, Woking and Altrincham, before then could leave the trip to play Woking as the title decider.

At the bottom, the news that Halifax Town will fold unless they find a buyer offered hope to the clubs fighting relegation. One of the places has already been filled by Stafford Rangers.

To add further confusion, the Conference is appealing to the Football Association to try to reverse a decision by a subcommittee that it can expand to 24 teams, but only if it takes any new members from the Endsleigh Insurance League.

An explosive new world

All Fall Down. *Radio 4, 9.45am.*

Previewing the third of Misha Glenny's surveys of post-Cold War Europe last week, I dwelt on his theatrical style. It achieves its apotheosis in his final talk. At one point, he becomes a one-man library of bellicose sound effects: "Boom" go Hungary and Poland, "crash" goes Germany, "psshh" go Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia, "slosh" go the Soviet Union and Albania, "wwwmpp" goes Yugoslavia. We do not expect such pyrotechnics from our political commentators. But we do expect them to quote Shakespeare properly. His parting shot is the "O brave new world" bit from *The Tempest*. Will you spot the error this morning? To the last, Glenny is fearful about Europe's future. His crystal ball reveals a huge security vacuum opening up. He quietly wept in the palace at Yalta where, in 1945, the Big Three smilingly agreed what to do with postwar Europe.

Turns of the Century. *Radio 3, 4.20pm.*

Just when I was starting to despair at the lack of laughs in Radio 3's *Fairest Isle* season, along comes *Turns of the Century*, a celebration of comedians. The 37 vignettes will take us up to the Christmas week edition of listeners' choices. The series begins with Russell Davies's sketch of Arthur Askey, the diminutive comedian who shot to fame with *Bandwagon* in 1938. Radio 3 is wrong if it believes ten minutes is sufficient time to get the true measure of an entertainer. Such parsimony is not characteristic of *Fairest Isle*.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Kevin Greening **12.00** Lisa I'Anson, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat; and at **1.15** The Net **2.00pm** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Sound City 95 — Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** Sound City 95 — John Peel **1.00am** The 1FM Rap Show with Westwood

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **6.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **10.00** Ken Bruce **11.30** Martyn Lewis **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.30** John Dunn **7.30** Friday Night Is Music Night **9.30** Listen to the Band: The Grimethorpe Colliery Band **10.30** Tony Staveacre with the Radio 2 Art Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, with Diana Madill **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide, with Julian Worricker **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** the day's sport in full **7.35** Parkinson on Sport. Michael Parkinson and guests discuss the sporting issues of the week **8.05** Now the Good News **9.35** Stop Press **10.05** Entertainment Superhighway **11.00** Night Extra **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Samantha Meah, Sean Bolger **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **7.00** Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffen **10.00** Caesar **1.00am** Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **5.00am** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe (MW: Off the Shelf **5.45** Folk) **6.00** Newsday **6.30** Andy Kershaw (MW: Europe Today) **7.00** News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** To Believe or Not to Believe **8.00** News **8.15** On the Move **8.30** Science **9.00** News (MW: News in German) **9.10** Words of Faith (MW: News in German) **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.15** John Dunn **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30** Meridian **1.00** News (MW: News in German) **1.15** Britain **1.30** Science **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.00** News **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Focus on Faith (MW: News in German) **5.00** News **5.15** Music Review **6.00** News **6.15** Fake **6.30** World Today (MW: News in German) **6.45** Sport (MW: News in German) **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Politics **8.00** News **9.00** Europe **9.30** Outlook **9.55** Words of Faith **10.00** News and Business **10.15** Britain **10.30** Multitrack **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** World Today **11.45** Farming **Midnight** News **12.10am** Science **12.15** John Peel **12.45** Sport **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Britain **2.00** News and Press **2.15** Seven Days **2.30** Jazz **2.45** Books **3.00** Newsday **3.30** Politics **4.00** News **4.15** Sport **4.30** Vintage Chart

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Angela Rippon **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nick Abbot **7.30** Paul Coyte **10.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00-6.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather

7.00 **On Air**: Biber (Partita No 1 in D minor); Fauré (Madrigal, Op 35); Webern (In Sommerwind); **8.05** Gershwin, arr Gibbons (Overture, Strike Up the Band); Schumann (Mein schöner Stern); Unterm Fenster); Stravinsky (Violin Concerto in D)

9.00 **Composer of the Week**: The Private World of Bach, presented by Nick Morgan

10.00 **Musical Encounters**, with Piers Burton-Page. Purcell (Birthday Ode, Come ye sons of art away, Z323); **10.40** *Artist of the Week*: Nobuko Imai, viola, Britten (Lachrymae); **11.05** Bax (Symphony No 7)

12.00 **The BBC Orchestras**: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Adrian Leaper (r)

12.55-5.00pm **The Afternoon on Three**, presented by Susan Sharpe

1.00pm **St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital**, presented by Nicola Heywood-Thomas. James Clark, violin, Richard MacMahon, piano, perform Debussy (Sonata in G minor); Sally Beamish (Winter Trees); Brahms (Sonata in G, Op 78)

2.00 **Charpentier Psalms** performed by Yorkshire Baroque Soloists under Peter Seymour, organ

3.00 **Mining the Archive**: Sir Malcolm Sargent. In the penultimate programme, Lyndon Jenkins recalls Sargent's reign at the Proms. Includes Smetana (Overture, The Bartered Bride); Dukas (The Sorcerer's Apprentice)

4.20 **Fairest Isle: Turns of the Century**. See Choice

4.30 **Old Wine — New Bottles**: Nicholas Carolan explores the tensions between tradition and innovation in Ireland's music

5.00 **The Music Machine**: The Drums. To make it as a young professional drummer requires at least five hours' practice a day

5.15 **In Tune**, with Andrew Green. Mozart (Sanctus, Mass in C minor); Dvořák (Slavonic Dances, No 7 in C minor, No 11 in F); Delius (Cello Sonata)

7.30 **Live from Covent Garden**: Donald Macleod introduces Verdi's *Un ballo in maschera* starring Luciano Pavarotti as Gustavus III, with Deborah Voigt, soprano, Giorgio Zancanaro, baritone, the Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera House under Edward Downes. Act 1; **8.20** Verdi in Maschera: Mary Jane Phillips Matz talks to Michael Oliver about her biography of the composer (r); **8.45** Act 2. **9.15** Interval: Barry Fantoni presents a radio picture of Milan, where Verdi died; **9.40** Act 3

10.45 **Midnight Oil**: Alwynne Pritchard and Sarah Walker bring the series to an end with studio recordings from the past three years. Including music by Hossein Omoumi and Michael Finnissy

12.00-1.00am **How to Make a Musical**: Lyricists. Don Black presents the first of a six-part series exploring the making of a musical. With Tim Rice, Richard Stilgoe and Charles Hart (r)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing incl Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30** News **7.25**, **8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather

9.00 **News** **9.05** **Desert Island Discs**: Hugh Grant (r)

9.45 **All Fall Down**: See Choice

10.00-10.30 **News; The Home Front** (FM only): A picture of Britain during the Second World War (5/7)

10.00 **An Act of Worship** (LW only)

10.15 **Children's Radio 4: When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit** (LW only) by Judith Kerr. Rosemary Leach reads the final part

10.30 **Woman's Hour**, introduced by Wendy Austin. Includes the second reading by Simon Williams from *Chapter and Verse: The Little Copplestone Mystery*, by Ngaio Marsh.

11.30 **The Natural History Programme**

12.00 **News; You and Yours**

12.25pm **States of Mind: The Food Programme** **12.55** Weather

1.00 **The World at One**

1.40 **The Archers** **1.55** Shipping

2.00 **News; Classic Serial: Huntingtower**, by John Buchan. The first of three episodes dramatised by Trevor Royle (r)

3.00 **News; The Afternoon Shift**

4.00 **News** **4.05** **Kaleidoscope**: Tim Marlow visits an exhibition of the work of the surrealist Conroy Maddox and reviews John Vanbrugh's Restoration comedy, *The Relapse*

4.45 **Short Story: Damian's Day Out**, written and narrated by Christopher Hope (r)

5.00 **PM** **5.50** Shipping

6.00 **Six O'Clock News**

6.00 **Going Places**: Actor Brian Glover pays tribute to Glasgow's Macintosh buildings

7.00 **News** **7.05** **The Archers**

7.20 **Pick of the Week**: Wally K. Daly with highlights of the past week's BBC radio and television

8.05 **Any Questions?** Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical discussion in Sheffield, with guests Jan Clark, spokesperson for the Green Party; Roy Hattersley, MP; journalist Andrew Marr; and Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP

8.50 **Speaking as an Expert**: Laurie Taylor tries to pass himself off as an expert in a management consultancy team

9.15 **Letter from America**

9.30 **Kaleidoscope Feature: Haitink**. Charles Hazlewood talks to the conductor Bernard Haitink at the start of his celebration of the Mahler symphonies in Amsterdam (r)

10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Robin Lustig

10.45 **Book at Bedtime: A Child Possessed**, by R.C. Hutchinson. Abridged and read by Geoffrey Beevers

11.00 **Week Ending**: A satirical news review with Sally Grace, Toby Longworth and guests

11.25 **Ten Junction**, with Patrick Hannan

11.45 **Today in Parliament**

12.00-12.45am **News** incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.45** As World Service (LW)

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Spring has sprung, for the old and young

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Whatever happened to those good old-fashioned springs? You know, when a young man's thoughts turned to love and all that soppy stuff. These days, if last night's viewing is anything to go by, a young man is far more likely to while away April dreaming of a convertible set of wheels.

Young, of course, is a relative term when it comes to Jeremy Clarkson, presenter of *Top Gear* (BBC 2), a man who has reached that difficult age when the flesh may be weak but the jeans are still willing. Significantly, perhaps, last night he looked as at home behind the wheels of a pram, as he did behind the wheel of the assembled drop-top delights.

Like the Boat Race, Grand National and the first day of the cricket season, *Top Gear*'s review of the soft-tops has become an integral part of the British spring. Very soon, it will start appearing in those "guides to the season" that the glossier magazines produce, sandwiched somewhere between the Whitbread Gold Cup and the Rose Ball. If Clarkson's demonstrating electric hoods, then summer is definitely on its way.

But for all that, last night's effort was a rather half-hearted affair. With six cars to assess in a similar number of minutes, Clarkson had to deliver those motorised metaphors, those synchromeshed similes, at top speed. "It's a sensible little car ..." he would say, leaving the hallmark pause that tells you he's about to change gear: "... but if you crank the radio up, get the roof down and bury your foot in the carpet ..." pause, grin, vroom: "... it becomes a 106-miles-an-hour roller-coaster." Is that a good thing or a bad thing? I wasn't sure.

So macho has the programme become of late that you half-expected to see him cruising King's Road in Chelsea and rating the cars on how many girls he could pick up. And for a brief moment, I thought we might. "Tiff Needell assesses the pulling power of Porsche," said JC, sounding racing green with envy. In fact what Needell did was take up an awful lot of minutes driving a car that costs £92,000 and had a top speed two and a half times the legal limit. No wonder Clarkson had got his denims in a twist.

All he had to play with, on a commendably filly-free Doncaster racecourse, was an Escort ("you now get white dials to match your socks") and a Toyota something-or-other. He quite liked that one. "But then I do tend to have a soft-spot for £28,000 convertibles that can nudge 140 miles an hour." Sorry Jeremy, Tiff's is bigger than yours.

Back in Holland Park, spring (or was it all those Bolly Stollies?) was having a more conventional effect on Edina and Patsy in **Absolutely Fabulous** (BBC 1). The sap, as they say, was rising.

Quite where it might be going though, goodness knows, as the characters seem to be reinventing themselves at a pace that would impress even Clarkson. Last night's episode saw the virginal Saffy (Julia Sawalha) reading *Razzle*, Granny (June Whitfield) popping pills and — most worrying of all — Bubbles (Jane Horrocks) *showing definite signs of sanity. The revelation that Edina was celibate positively paled in comparison.* A much overrated condition, thought Patsy (Joanna Lumley): "Celibacy leaves a lot to be desired."

To my mind, the news that Edina had an estranged son, Serge, was a far bigger revelation — but perhaps I haven't been concentrating. Anyway, *his absence allowed Edina to wax hysterical* about the mother-son relationship and the potential for umbilical whiplash — "the cord may be stretched to the limit at the *moment but, when he least expects it, it will catapult him back across* the ocean." It also allowed Edina to unearth his stash of pornography, thus establishing the sexual thrust of the plot and thus rendering a *number of very funny jokes quite unrepeatable in this pre-watershed,* family newspaper.

But I particularly liked Edina *blaming her nosey mother for her inhibitions — "her retinas were my* contraception" and the sexual slapstick of the novice gigolo who mistook a spray-can of Stallion for breath freshener. Any explana*tions required will, of course, be* forwarded in an unmarked, brown envelope.

Going out against the likes *of Absolutely Fabulous will have done no favours* for **The Holylands**, a trilogy of films that Channel 4 has put out in Easter Week. With the bloody dispute between Palestinians and Israelis as its subject matter, it was *never going to be easy television.* But it was important, if ultimately depressing, television.

Last night's final instalment was *Victims of Peace*. With more than 100 Israelis and 200 Palestinians *killed in the 18 months since the signing of the Oslo peace agree*ment, there was tragically no *shortage of subject material. Distance and subtitles deprived the* personal accounts of some of their immediate impact, but the awful pattern of pain, anger and the thirst for revenge was all too clear. *Too clear, I suspect, for some, with the cameras intruding into family* grief for periods that would be quite unacceptable closer to home. I also wondered whether the interview with a man who cheerfully *confessed* to murdering eight people would have been shown had the killings happened nearer.

Rightly or wrongly, the Oklahoma bomb brought a new resonance to the film, *that quietly, slowly and chillingly highlighted* the strength of the religious convictions held by both sides. Anyone in Britain who might have doubted its relevance had only to look across the Irish Sea.

● *Lynne Truss is on holiday.*

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (40315)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (31247421)

9.05 Swat Kats: Caverns of Horror (8277024)

9.25 Why Don't You...? Go to Welshpool on a quest for fossils (s) (2222686)

10.00 News; Regional News and Weather (Ceefax) (1395624)

10.05 EastEnders — The Early Days. Kathy walks out on Lou (r). (Ceefax) (9588119)

10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Family magazine (s) (8662266)

12.00 News; Regional News and Weather (Ceefax) (6746889)

12.05pm Pebble Mill (s) (2676518)

12.55 Regional News and Weather (69865792)

1.00 One O'Clock News and Weather (Ceefax) 29773)

1.30 Neighbours. *Danni needs money to keep up her image. (s) (Ceefax)* (86594150)

1.50 Crown Prosecutor (r) (s) (Ceefax) (65216421)

2.20 Holiday. Venezuela, New York, Dubai and Ireland (r). (s) (Ceefax) (58803976)

2.50 The Flying Doctors. *Aussie outback man Whistler finally decides to tie the knot after 20 years (r). (Ceefax)* (8397589)

3.35 Cartoon (8106266) ***3.45 Dinobabies*** (r) (5785995) **4.10 Rugrats** (s) (7032792) **4.35 Round the Twist** (s) (Ceefax) (3806605)

5.00 Newsround (1645808)

5.05 Blue Peter (s) (Ceefax) (4636179)

5.35 Neighbours *(r) (s) (Ceefax)* (878599)

6.00 News and Weather (Ceefax) (792)

6.30 Regional news magazines (604)

7.00 Wipeout. Game show (s) (Ceefax) (2537)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. *The world's first supersonic car, and a chemical which heals wounds without leaving scars. (Ceefax)* (228)

8.00 Lovejoy: Friends in High Places. Lovejoy returns from Spain to renew old acquaintances (r). (Ceefax) (107131)

8.50 TV Heroes (r) (Ceefax) (254976)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News and Weather (Ceefax) (1402)

A Perranporth surf patroller in action (9.30pm)

9.30 999. More tales of heroic rescues with Michael Buerk. (s) (Ceefax) (383131)

10.20 FILM: Manhunter (1986). A former FBI investigator is asked to track down a brutal murderer. Starring William Petersen, Kim Greist, Brian Cox and Stephen Lang. Directed by Michael Mann. (s) (Ceefax) (970060) **Wales:** The Dream (757889) 10.50 Film: Manhunter (47056605) 12.45 Film: Casual Sex? (6849464) 2.10 News Headlines; Weather (6340349)

12.15am FILM: Casual Sex? (1988). Two women go on holiday to a health spa looking for more than a one-night stand. Starring Lea Thompson, Victoria Jackson and Stephen Shellen. Directed by Genevieve Robert. (4055844)

1.40 Weather (8587687)

BBC2

8.00am Breakfast News (signed and subtitled) (7577518) **8.15 Germany 1925-32: The Police** (b/w). (1604957)

8.20 A Big Country (r) (5561112)

8.50 The Secret Gardens: Brantwood. Alan Titchmarsh reports from the home of John Ruskin, set above Lake Coniston (r). (5628112)

9.00 Power Game: The Presidency. *The last in the series* (76228)

10.00 Playdays (r) (s) (1483745)

10.25 World Snooker from Sheffield (s) (15169044)

12.30pm Working Lunch. Business and consumer news (71599) **1.00 Model Millie** (r) (s) (73232711)

1.15 Open View *(r)* (85857518)

1.20 World Snooker and Racing from Newbury. Further coverage of the Embassy world championship and the **2.40, 3.10** and **3.40** races from Newbury (99318179) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (Ceefax) (2524773)

4.00 World Snooker from Sheffield (9686)

6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r) (Ceefax) (316315) **6.25 The Champions.** A race against time. (Ceefax) (775860)

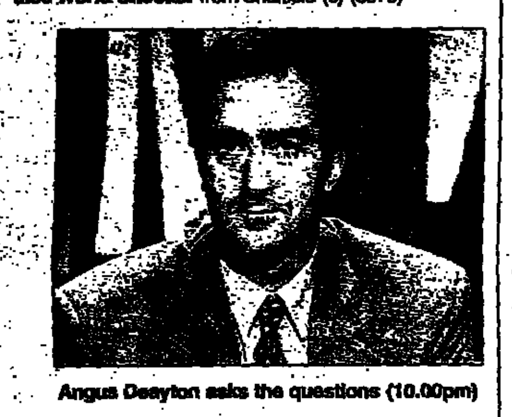
7.15 The O-Zone. Music magazine (s) (977860)

7.30 The Rock 'n' Roll Years. Music and news from a particular year. (570)

8.00 Top Gear Motorsport. Tiff Needell tests the Mercedes that won last year's German Touring Car Championship. (s) (Ceefax) (6599)

8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton gets on with spring jobs and Pippa Greenwood launches a new series on pests and diseases. (s) (Ceefax) (8334)

***9.00 World Snooker** from Sheffield* (s) (5570)



Angus Deayton asks the questions (10.00pm)

10.00 Have I Got News for You (s) (56792)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (947773)

11.15 Fantasy Football League. With David Baddiel and Frank Skinner (s) (562315). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby (564773)

11.45 World Snooker. *A roundup of the day's action from* Sheffield (s) (209995). **Wales:** Fantasy Football (563044) 12.15 Snooker (7025735) 1.30am-2.55 Film: *Le Crime de Monsieur Lange* (7826367)

12.55am Weather (3079025)

1.00 FILM: Le Crime de Monsieur Lange (1935, b/w). Jean Renoir's classic film about a mild-mannnered pulp western writer who helps his colleagues take over the publishing company when their crooked boss disappears. Starring Jules Berry, René Lefèvre and Fiorelle Nadia. Ends at **2.25** (6514667)

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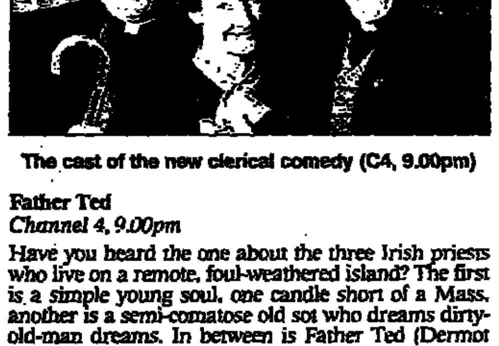
CHOICE

Have I Got News For You
BBC2 10.00pm

Good news for us, bad news for politicians and dodgy dealers alike: the best quiz in the biz is back for a ninth series. All the components that created the programme's success are intact. Paul Merton is still trying to beat Ian Hislop, and Angus Deayton continues to see fair play is summarily ignored. New rounds are promised, such as "prison escapes" in which the teams will be given a map of a British jail and invited to plot the easiest way out. Others include guessing the daftest sentence for the silliest crime handed out by a court judge. Tonight's guests are the MP Diane Abbott who will be Ian Hislop's partner, and Julian Clary who will no doubt be warming the cockles of Merton's heart.



The cast of the new clerical comedy (C4, 9.00pm)

Father Ted
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Have you heard the one about the three Irish priests who live on a remote, foul-weathered island? The first is a *simple* young soul, one candle short of a Mass, another is a semi-comatose old sot who dreams dirty-old-man dreams. In between is Father Ted (Dermot Morgan), trying to keep the other two from embarrassing the life out of him. Written by Graham Linehan and Arthur Mathews (whose credits include *Paris* for Alexei Sayle) and produced by the prolific Hat Trick, this new sit-com begins with Father Ted getting aspirations of religious television stardom. It's original, irreverent but only sporadically funny.

The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: The Strawberry Tree
ITV, 9.00pm

Like the tree of the title which bears a luscious fruit yet has no taste, Petra (Lisa Harrow) is a beautiful woman who is cold, indifferent and scarred. In the first of this two-parter, she tells her story in flashback. As a child (Honeysuckle Weeks) she is ignored by her parents and compensates by devoting herself to her dashing teenage brother. On holiday in 1950s paradisical Majorca she suffers rejection again when her adored brother falls in love with their Spanish cousin and both mysteriously disappear. Like the best of Rendell's tales, the emphasis is not on whodunnits but on insights and motivations of her delicately drawn characters. In a neat twist, the screenplay of this low-key dramatisation is written by George Baker, the actor who plays Rendell's detective Reg Wexford.

Gardens Without Borders — Italy
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Gardening programmes have a tranquillity about them that is as seductive as the plants themselves. They provide an oasis of calm that only the churlish would call somnambulant. In the last of the series in which horticulturalist Alan Mason has compared and contrasted the gardens of Italy and England, he visits gardens in Tuscany and Essex in the company of his Italian counterpart Alessandro Tombelli. He learns that the Italians like formal gardens whereas the British prefer their plants in a more natural setting. He also learns the Tuscan gardener's worst enemy is hot, dry summers and Tombelli finds that it rains a lot in England. Perhaps we should take a leaf out of the gardener's book and conduct our other European relations on an equally amicable basis. **Frances Lass**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00am GMTV (1407470)

9.25 Chain Letters (s) (2068976) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8033024)

10.00 James Bond Junior. Animated antics of the junior super sleuth (82676)

10.30 FILM: The Story Lady (1990) *starring Jessica Tandy and Stephanie Zimbalist. An elderly widow with a talent for story-telling, dreams up the idea of a children's story television show and is given a slot on cable television. Directed by Larry Elikann* (s) (55458131) **12.10pm Cartoon** (9031976) **12.20 London Today** *(Teletext) and weather* (6735773)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9639518)

12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9647537) **1.25 Coronation Street** (r) (Teletext) (73108247) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (86599605)

2.20 The Chrystal Rose Show. A discussion on the classless society (s) (58898044) **2.50 High Road** (Teletext) (1811792) **3.20 ITN News** headlines (4984995) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (4983266)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (8183315) **3.45 Warner Brothers Cartoons** (8171570) **4.00 Zzzap!** (r) (s) (6680841) **4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures** (7026131)

4.40 NEW **Delicious.** *Entertainment magazine series presented by Jason Bradbury and Marcelle Duprey* (Teletext) (s) (7012995)

5.10 After 5 with Caron Keating (Teletext) (4620518)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (863792)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (303841)

6.25 London Tonight *(Teletext)* (341529)

7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right (Teletext) (s) (7605)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (624)

8.00 The Bill: Life's a Bitch. Beech and Carver enter the world of gangland warfare. (Teletext) (6353)

8.30 Time after Time. *The life and times of a reformed car thief (Brian Conley) (Teletext) (s)* (5860)

Lisa Harrow and Simon Ward (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The Ruth Rendell Mystery: The Strawberry Tree.** (Teletext) (s) (2624)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (50518)

10.30 Crime Monthly. Penny Smith appeals for help with unsolved crimes in the the London area. Includes a report from the RSPCA about a dog-fighting syndicate (12792)

11.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (283402)

11.40 FILM: Quincy — Who's Who in Neverland? *starring Jack Klugman as the police pathologist. Quincy is not convinced that the death of a society hostess was due to natural causes. Directed by* Steven Stern (820402)

1.05am The James Whale Show (s) (3717939)

2.05 The Chart Show (s) (6541938)

3.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (s) (9969174)

3.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (s) (8152396)

4.30 The New Music. *Includes a profile on Stevie Wonder* (46862)

5.30 ITN Morning News (22782). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Spiff and Hercules (7323315)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (42624)

9.00 Little Wizards *(r)* (60995)

9.30 California Dreams (6761889)

9.55 Gamesmaster (r) (s) (6779808)

10.25 Batman: Caught in the Spider's Den (4825150)

***10.55 The Adventures of Tintin** (r)* (5919599)

11.20 Pugwall's Summer (r) (5653334)

11.50 The Legend of White Fang (r) (9262150)

12.20pm Deputy Dawg (6733315)

***12.30 Sesame Street** (r)* (26792)

1.30 The Magic Roundabout followed by **The Wombles, Paddington** and **The Clangers** (r) *(98266)*

2.00 Those British Faces: A Tribute to Alastair Sim Narrated by Richard Todd (r). (Teletext) (4131)

2.30 FILM: The Green Man (1956) Black comedy starring Alastair Sim as an assassin whose plans to dispose of Raymond Huntley are foiled by George Cole. Directed by Robert Day. (Teletext) (43402)

4.00 *Profiles of Nature: The Marsh.* *The importance of wetland habitats (r)* (353)

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. (s) (Teletext) (537)

5.00 On the Way to Monkey Bay The author Nigel Farrell explores Lake Malawi in southern Africa (r). (Teletext) (4518)

6.00 Blossom. Carol helps Blossom with a class assignment. (s) (Teletext) (402)

6.30 Happy Days. Richie gets involved in gang warfare with the Dukes (r). (Teletext) (175268)

6.55 Terrytoons. *Classic animation* (622773)

7.00 Channel 4 News and weather (Teletext) (987063)

7.50 You Don't Know Me But... Unsolicited advice for a celebrity (954179)

Tombelli, Chatto and Mason (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Gardens Without Borders: Italy** (s) (Teletext) (4995)

8.30 Brookside (s) *(Teletext)* (3402)

9.00 CHOICE **Father Ted** *(s) (Teletext)* (4112)

9.30 Jack Dee Live at the Duke of York Theatre. The master of deadpan humour offers his views on craft fairs. (s) (Teletext) (92112)

10.30 Drop the Dead Donkey: The Undiscovered Country. Damien has Porsche problems (r). (s) (Teletext) (237808)

11.05 Baadasss TV. *Andrea Oliver and Ice T celebrate black life, featuring an interview with Lee Scratch* Perry, a young Richard Pryor, Dr Dre and Ed Lover (s) (807841)

11.40 FILM: The Reptile (1966) *Hammer horror starring Ray Barrett and Jennifer Daniel as a Victorian couple who inherit a cottage in darkest Cornwall.* (904599)

1.20am FILM: The Ticket of Leave Man (1937, b/w). *Old-fashioned melodrama starring Tod Slaughter as a villain who frames his rival in love. With John Warwick, Marjorie Weaver and Frank Cochran. Directed by George King. Ends at* **2.35**. (8292071)

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (8033024) 10.30 Cartoon (4782659) 10.35 Disney's Napoleon and Samantha (76026570) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (6735773) 12.55 Coronation Street (9647537) 1.25 Home and Away (73108247) 1.55 The Young Doctors (86599605) 2.20-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (4236599) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (4620518) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (341529) 10.00 ITN News; Weekend Weather (50518) 10.30 Anglia News (800860) 10.40 Love Call Live (697131) 11.40 Bodies of Evidence (299606) 12.35am The Hidden Room (4753368) 1.05 The New Music (18358) 2.00 The James Whale Show (30700) 4.00 The Album Show (18687) 5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (48464)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (8033024) 10.30 Cartoon (4782659) 10.35 Disney's Napoleon and Samantha (76026570) 2.20 Wish You Were Here...? (58898044) 2.50-3.20 XPress (1811792) 3.25-3.30 Central News (4983266) 5.10-5.40 Movies, Games and Videos (4620518) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (341529) 10.40 An Unmarried Woman (39585529) 4.30am Jobfinder (6175303) 5.20 Asian Eye (7887700)

GRANADA

As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9647537) 1.25 Home and Away (49872402) 1.50 Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (5575131) 2.50-3.20 Wish You Were Here...? (1811792) 5.10-5.40 High Road (4620518) 6.25 Granada Tonight (425537) 6.50-7.00 Kick Off (355599) 10.35 The Fourth Protocol (53663173) 12.35am Eye TV (7095386) 1.05 The James Whale Show (3717939) 2.05 The Chart Show (6541938) 3.00 Noisy Mothers (9969174) 3.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8152396) 4.30 The New Music (46862)

HTV WEST

As London except: 10.30 Cartoon (4782659) 10.35 Disney's Napoleon and Samantha (76026570) 12.55 Coronation Street (9647537) 1.25 Home and Away (73108247) 1.55 High Road (65200860) 2.25-3.20 Murder, She Wrote (6023402) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (4620518) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (112) 10.40 Johnny Dangerously (47061537) 12.30am The Twilight Zone (7539090)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (112) 10.40-11.10 The Infirmary (433179)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 10.35-12.20 Napoleon and Samantha (76026570) 12.55 Coronation Street (9647537) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (73108247) 2.20-2.50 Heirloom (58898044) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4620518) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (78044) 10.45 Street Legal (613179) 11.40 Nasty Hero (839150) 1.00am The New Music (18358) 2.00 The James Whale Show (30700) 4.00-5.00 The Album Show (18687)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 10.30 Cartoon (4782659) 10.35-12.20 Napoleon and Samantha (76026570) 12.55 Coronation Street (9647537) 1.25 Home and Away (73108247) 1.55-3.25 Murder, She Wrote (8573402) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4620518) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (76044) 10.40 Married with Children (433179) 11.10 Help! (778841)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 10.30 Cartoon (4782659) 10.35-12.20 Disney's Napoleon and Samantha (76026570) 12.55 Coronation Street (9647537) 1.25-1.55 Home and Away (73108247) 2.20-3.10 Murder, She Wrote (8040179) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4620518) 5.55 Calendar (306112) 6.30-7.00 On Your Marks (112) 10.40 The Haunted Palace (82917886) 12.30am Married with Children (3140984) 12.50 James Whale Show (5059939) 1.50 The Big E (1088006) 2.45 The Beat (4777648) 3.40 Shift (8587613) 4.30 Bach: Suite No 2 in B Minor (82396) 5.00 Sportsworld (48484)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (42624) 9.00 Little Wizards (60995) 9.30 California Dreams (6761889) 9.55 Gamesmaster (6779808) 10.25 Batman (4825150) 10.55 The Adventures Of Tin Tin (1025711) 11.25 Pugwall's Summer (9224995) 11.50 The Legend Of White Fang (9262150) 12.20pm Terrytoons (6733315) 12.30 Slot Meithrin (39835) 1.00 Droopy (1297529) 1.35 The Great Race (55195112) 4.30 Saved By The Bell: The College Years (537) 5.00 5 Pump (8711) 5.30 Fifteen To One (889) 6.00 Newyddion (776773) 6.15 Heno (758228) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (5247) 7.30 Penwythnos Mawr (266) 8.00 Ma' 'llan 'Ma Y gyntaf mewn cyfres o raglenni comedi yng nghwmni [illegible] (4995) 8.30 Newyddion (3402) 9.00 Ffau'r Llewod (981605) 9.45 Gwerth Chwech (412179) 10.00 Brookside (41860) 10.30 Drop The Dead Donkey (237808) 11.05 Baadasss TV (402024) 11.35 Snwcer (534518) 12.15am Red Light Zone: Finishing School (21700) 12.45 Red Light Zone: Partyhead (3080377)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (69112) **8.00** Power Rangers (81402) **8.30** Blockbusters (80773) **9.00** Oprah Winfrey (21792) **10.00** Concentration (53266) **10.30** Card Sharks (27727) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (78063) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (91889) **12.30pm** Anything But Love (33353) **1.00** St Elsewhere (38808) **2.00** Matlock (54995) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (9143334) **3.50** DJ Kat (4029315) **4.30** Power Rangers (8605) **5.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (8614) **6.00** Murphy Brown (8570) **6.30** Family Ties (3150) **7.00** Rescue (1063) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9334) **8.00** The Andrew Newton Hypnotic Experience (1781) **8.30** Coppers (6518) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (55599) **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (58686) **11.00** David Letterman (102773) **11.50** The Untouchables (706773) **12.45am** Chances (4437396) **1.30** New WKRP in Cincinnati (48025) **2.00-6.00** Hit Mix Long Play (2370700)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5898537) **9.30** Worldwide Report (71315) **10.30** ABC Nightline (27709) **11.00** World News and Business (78605) **1.30pm** CBS News (90266) **2.30** Parliament (98537) **3.30** Special Report (8228) **5.00** Live at Five (8976) **8.30** Talkback (1792) **7.30** O.J. Simpson Trial, Live (6849605) **11.30** CBS News (19131) **1.30am** Talkback (20984) **2.30** Parliament Replay (65939) **3.30** Special Report (15434) **4.30** CBS News (53754) **5.30-6.00** ABC News

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (72923957) **10.00 Mystery Mansion** (1983) (58436537) **11.40 Captive Hearts** (1987) (11526131) **1.25pm Oh God!** (1977) (88565727) **3.05 A Christmas Reunion** (1993) (44076824) **4.45 Giant** (1956) (92216228) **8.00 Raising Cain** (1992) (70110082) **9.40** US Top Ten (870266) ***10.00 Alien³*** (1992) (518850) ***11.55 Cinema of Vengeance*** (1993) (535518) **1.30am When a Stranger Calls Back** (1993) (24764) **3.00 I Start Counting** (1969) (906613) **4.40-6.00 Oh God!** (1977): As 1.25pm (5948396)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

2.00pm Showcase (36880) **4.00 Raid on Entebbe** (1976) (17489976) **6.25 The Big Country** (1958) (38784605) ***9.10 Pelle the Conqueror*** (1988) (20462334) **11.40-2.00am Return of Sabata** (1971) (89375782)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Tarzan and the Great River (1967) (85150) **8.00 The Three Musketeers.** Cartoon (62686) **9.00 Aladdin** (1993): Animation (14402) **10.00 Forever Young** (1992) (35711) **12.00 The Mouse That Roared** (1959) (26112) **2.00pm The Canterville Ghost** (1986) (70808) **4.00 The Three Musketeers** (1992): As 8am (35247) **5.00 Aladdin** (1993): As 9am (3044) **6.00 Stay Tuned** (1992) (39711) **7.30 The Movie Show** (2044) **8.00 Forever Young** (1992) As 10am (62889) **10.00 Victim of Rage** (1994) (246792) ***11.35 One False Move*** (1992) (288063) **1.20am Killer Looks** (1992) (754006) **3.00 Legacy of Lies** (1992) (354716) **4.35-6.00 Stay Tuned** (1992): As 6pm (9781603)

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SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer (5112570) **7.15** WWF Action (759604) **8.15** Soccer (9622452) **8.30** Transworld Sport (36624) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (64606) **10.00** Golf USA (44044) **12.00** *Scottish Football: Rangers v Kilmarnock* (86518) **2.00pm** European PGA Golf, Live (838773) **5.00** Transworld Sport (9860) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (43315) **7.00** The Big League, Live (519976) **9.30** World Soccer (48860) **10.00** Cricket: West Indies v Australia (70082) ***11.30*** *Soccer Weekend* (71955) **12.30am** World Soccer (41464) **1.00-3.00** The Big League (80071)

SKY SPORTS 2

6.00am End Zone (4368624) **7.00** Max Out (4939421) **7.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (9086501) **8.00** *Golf Special* (8851605) ***9.00*** *Golf USA, Live* (8854792) ***11.00*** World Sport Special (1831044) **11.30-12.00** NBA Action (7453711)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Aerobics (69857) **8.30** Eurofun (28452) **9.00** Free Climbing (61334) **10.00** Rally Raid (88841) **11.00** Football (95247) **12.30pm** Football (94518) **2.00** Tennis (1841) **2.30** Athletics (91889) **3.30** Olympic Magazine (4808) **4.00** Wrestling (80711) **5.00** Live Handball (19518) **6.30** News (4044) **7.00** Motorsports Report (97599) **8.00** Live Boxing (45173) **10.00** Wrestling (89570) **11.00** Car Racing (89570) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (64803)

SKY SOAP

8.00am *Loving* (7072518) **8.30** Peyton Place (7071888) **9.00** As the World Turns (4901150) **10.00** Guiding Light (3192599) **11.00-12.00** Another World (3103063)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Globetrotter (7075605) **12.30pm** *Zoo Life* (4350605) **1.00** *Caribbean Vacation* (3116179) **1.30** Spice of Life (4359976) **2.00** Great Escape (4939605) **2.30** Travels in Europe (6036266) **3.00** Whicker's World (1651808) **4.00** Travel Guide Review (2331678) **4.30** *Zoo Life* (1316482) **5.00** *Great Escape* (4920957) **5.30-6.00** Spice of Life (2436222)

Alan Alda stars as Hawkeye in M*A*S*H (Sky One, 7.30pm)

TLC

9.00am Painting (2002006) **9.30** Simply Delicious (2766605) **10.00** House Style (2370518) **10.30** Park High (2188270) **11.00** Only Human (4529711) **11.45** Draw with Don (40737150) **12.00** The Heart of Healing (2756228) **1.00pm** *Simply Delicious* (4237624) **1.30** *Painting* (2769792) **2.00** *Right or Wrong* (3908686) **2.30** Somebody's Children (8300112) **3.00** House Style (3910421) **3.30-4.00** Acorn (8312957)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (4230711) **7.30** Neighbours (4228518) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3557191) **8.30** *EastEnders* (4907632) **9.00** *The Bill* (2824604) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (6514957) **10.30** *Casualty* (6324976) ***11.30 Going for Gold*** (8848773) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (6802268) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2779179) **1.00** EastEnders (4239082) **1.30** The Bill (2761150) **2.00** My Name is Harry Worth (3900044) **2.30** Triangle (8302570) **3.00** Knots Landing (8859889) **4.00** Dallas (8861624) **5.00** Going for Gold (84252063) **5.25** XYZ (84231570) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (2064986) **6.30** *EastEnders* (8334179) **7.00** Sweet Sixteen (3904860) **7.30** Father, Dear Father (8323063) **8.00** The Dawson Watch (3920808) **8.30** Fresh Fields (3909315) **9.00** Casualty (6662841) **10.00** The Bill (5452727) ***10.30** Miami Vice (3855518)* ***11.30** Top of the Pops* (8068995) **12.15am** Dr Who (9448006) **12.45** FILM: Radio Days (1987) (1744808) **2.15** Shopping

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (80995) ***7.00*** *Teddy Ruxpin* (35957) **7.30** Garfield (47792) **8.00** Eek the Cat (52599) **8.30** Degrassi Junior High (44570) **9.00** Super Mario Brothers (68150) **9.30** Flash Gordon (91976) **10.00** Round the Twist (47565) ***10.30*** Beetleman (64334) **11.00** Gravedale High (15421) **11.30** Gigantor (16150) **12.00** He-Man (55686) **12.30pm** The Bots Master (95792) **1.00** Toxic Crusaders (34228) **1.30** Peanuts (94063) **2.00** Pugwall (6501) **2.30** Swan's *Crossing* (6315) **3.00** Casper (4275599) **3.15** Stunt Dawgs (935247) **3.45** Sonic (934518) **4.15** Bad Level 10' (6207792) **4.30-6.00** California Dreams (9179)

NICKELODEON

7.00am SuperTed (26624) **7.30** Easter Specials *(50501)* ***6.00*** *Turtles Gold (14315)* ***8.30*** *Rude Dog (13686)* **9.00** Rugrats (37266) **9.30** Clarissa (55150) **10.00** Mighty Max (97624) **10.30** Carmen San Diego (26150) **11.00** Grimmy (79605) **11.30** Denver (95247) **12.30pm** Galaxy High School (66266) **1.00** Smoggies (25995) **1.30** *Chipmunks* (65537) **2.00** Carmen San Diego (4315) **2.30** Pete and Pete (5537) **3.00** Rude Dog (6150) **3.30** Turtles Gold (2222) **4.00** Mighty Max (6889) **4.30** Rugrats (5773) **5.00** Clarissa (8996) **5.30** Odyssey (9353) **6.00** Aaah! Real Monsters (6266) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (7518)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Wildside (8869266) **5.00** Arthur C. Clarke's Universe (3922266) **5.30** Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World (8311228) **6.00** Invention (6522860) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (5807179) **7.30** Fire (8321605) **8.00** The Dinosaurs! (6880247) **9.00** The Sexual Imperative (6893711) **10.00** *Future Quest* (7252709) ***10.30*** *Invention (5252529)* **11.00-12.00** *Aussies (4214773)*

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: I Was a Spy (1933) (2387808) **2.00pm** The Avengers (2368773) **3.00** Bill Cosby (3914247) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes *(8332711)* ***4.00*** *FILM: Operation Bullshine* (1959) (2079976) **5.30** Drama Classics (8331082) **6.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (8338995) **6.30** The Wild Wild West (9247315) **7.30** Saber of London (8318131) ***8.00*** *The Avengers (6877773)* **9.00** The Twilight Zone (8852976) **9.30** FILM The Final Programme (1973) (4102247) **11.30-12.00** Duffy's Tavern (2363228)

UK LIVING

6.00am *Agony Hour* (5431353) **7.00** Makeover Magazine (2048315) **9.00** All Well and Good (6886334) **9.30** Kate and Allie (1975686) **10.05** Mr Smith's Indoor Garden (1440976) ***10.35*** *The Susan Powter Show* (18621595) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7288044) **11.55** The Simple Programme (74032605) **12.00** Kilroy (9148150) **12.55pm** A Taste of Wales *(6183044)* ***1.30*** *The New Mr and Mrs Show* (1681353) **2.00** Agony Hour (5451266) **3.00** Makeover Magazine (7828860) **4.00** Infatuation UK (8747044) **4.30** Crosswits (1123792) **5.05** The Joker's Wild (11305773) **5.30** *Mediterranean Cookery (8767808)* ***6.00*** *The Susan Powter Show (8757421)* **6.30** Infatuation (8748773) **7.00** Makeover Magazine (3638266) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2679957) **8.55** The Simple Programme (8005824) **9.00** FILM: Why My Daughter (1993) (3617773) **11.00** Hit and Run (7848624) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (5449421)

FAMILY CHANNEL

6.00pm Dangermouse (4711) **5.30** Gladiators 2000 (3131) **6.00** My Two Dads (8024) **6.30** Catchphrase (4624) **7.00** Busman's *Holiday* (1247) **7.30** Avonlea (82711) ***8.30*** *Home to Roost* (9402) ***9.00*** *Sirens* (42063) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (56315) **10.30** Dangermouse (65063) **11.00** Lou Grant (44605) **12.00** Zorro (13193) **12.30am** Rhoda (78532) **1.00** Trivial Pursuit (90838) **1.30** Rhoda (20613) **2.00** Christy (41822) **3.00** Lou Grant (78038) **4.00** Rhoda **4.30-5.00** Zorro (71803)

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Briton returns to the track as McLaren prepare to correct mistakes

Mansell writes off championship

By Oliver Holt

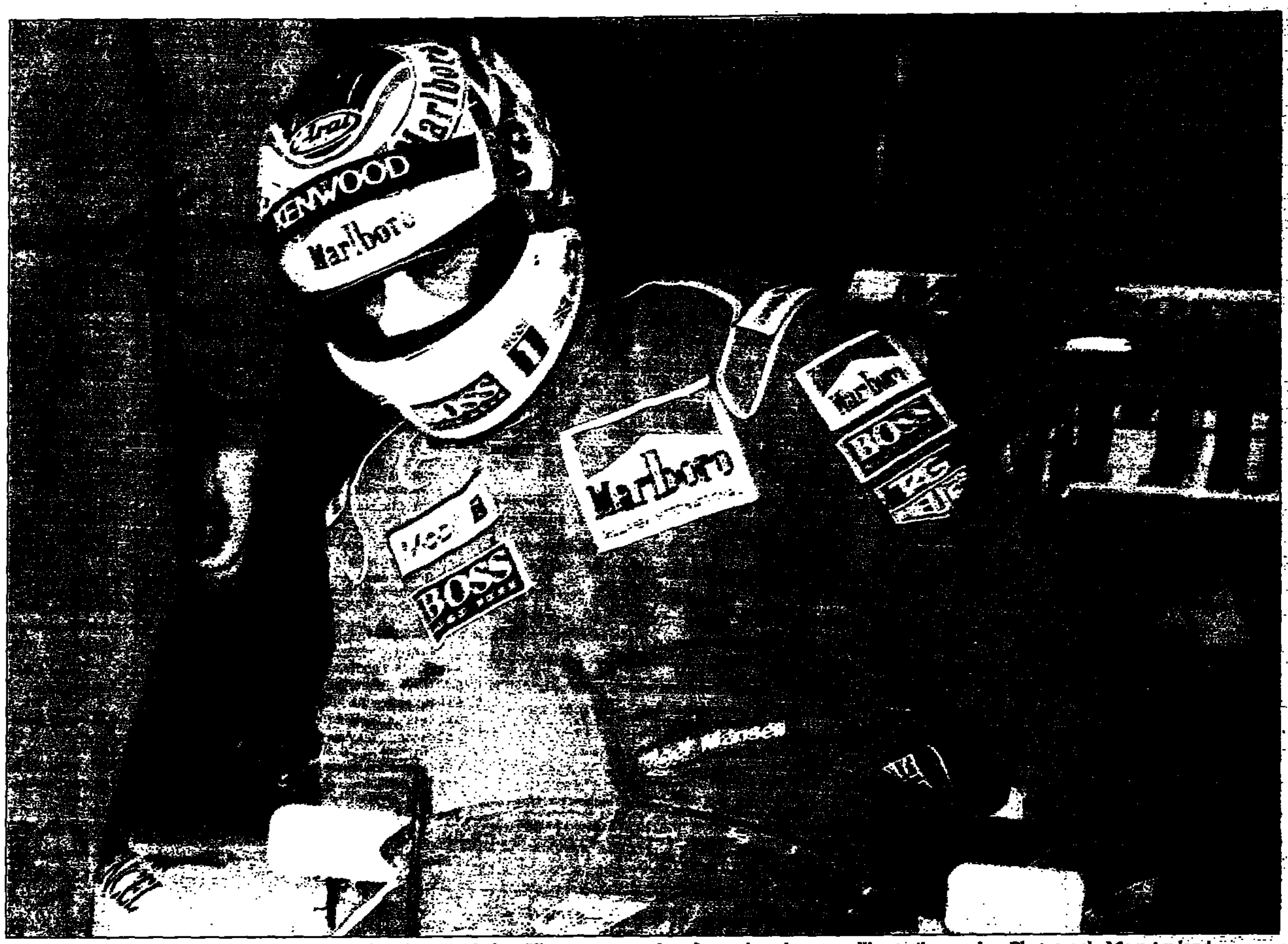
AT A *near-deserted* Silverstone, thronged only with the ghosts of his greatest triumphs, Nigel Mansell spoke for the first time yesterday of his despair when a design mix-up forced him to miss the opening two grands prix of the Formula One motor racing season. He talked of fairytales and hard facts and left his listeners in little doubt which of the two would play the more relevant part in his full-time return to the sport.

Mansell is now almost certain to make his long-awaited debut for McLaren at the San Marino Grand Prix next week, but, as he completed his final day of a three-day test for the team, he warned his supporters not to expect too much from his appearance at Imola and stressed that the Herculean efforts made by McLaren and Mercedes to redesign his car were only the beginning of the hard labour needed to catch Williams and Benetton.

On the track, with only the Jordans and Arrows for company, Mansell continued to improve his lap times, spinning once but consistently coming close to the mark set by Mika Hakkinen, his team-mate. He drove in short bursts of three or four circuits before the discomfort that forced him to sit out the Brazilian and Argentine Grands Prix took its toll and made him turn back to the pits.

Mansell was driving the old car yesterday, but the team has worked around the clock to build a new, wider monocoque for the 1992 world champion to prevent the heavy bruising that he suffered on his elbows and knees and allow him to use his own energetic driving style, which does not put a premium on economy of movement in the cockpit.

He will have a seat fitting for it today at the McLaren factory in Woking. It will undergo a crash test early next week and Mansell will drive it for the first time when the cars take to the radically different Imola circuit on Thursday for two familiarisation practice sessions.


A weary Mansell gets out of the cramped McLaren cockpit at Silverstone yesterday after undergoing a gruelling testing session. Photograph: Marc Aspland

He is already 14 points behind Michael Schumacher, ten behind Damon Hill and six behind David Coulthard, and he admitted that the inability to race in either of the South American grands prix had forced him to revise his expectations for the season and concentrate on developing the new McLaren-Mercedes partnership into a real force next year.

"It was a big blow when I was forced out of the first two races," he said, "but it was a brave decision by the team and by me. Having tested again for a few days, I know absolutely that it was the right choice. It would probably have been a disaster if I had taken part in the opening grands prix.

"You have got to make your decisions in life with your feet on the ground. A lot of people think in terms of fairytales, but I look at hard facts. The facts are that certain things were not possible. I can do two or three laps in the car driving flat out and that is it. The nicest thing to say is that there was a definite design mistake in the old car. At the beginning, it was even tight for Mika and I am a lot bigger and wider than him in the arms and the shoulders and the hips. If it was difficult for him, it was impossible for me. It is hard for me to say what my feelings were at that time, but they were not good."

Mansell signed a one-year deal worth an estimated £7 million with McLaren in February, but it soon became apparent that something was wrong when his times were alarmingly slow during testing at Estoril, in Portugal. The team finally resigned itself to building several expensive new chassis for Mansell.

Hakkinen and Mark Blundell, Mansell's temporary replacement, performed creditably at the Brazilian Grand Prix before failing to finish in Argentina. Both races showed that, although the car might not be as bad as some had predicted, it was no match for Williams or Benetton.

Some may expect Mansell to change all that, but, yesterday, he was cautious about his prospects. "Because of the lay-off I have had, I may be lacking a little bit in fitness and I will probably not be up to my own level of speed in Imola. It will take two or three races for me to see where I am at. I'm hoping for reliability, that I can function in the car and that we can finish the race.

"You cannot undo the past; but you can change the future. I would like that to be positive from here on in. I hope we can be competitive and try and get the car up to speed and challenge for the odd win here and there, but you have got to look at this year being a big development year."

OFT seems unlikely to tackle super league plan

By Christopher Irvine

ALTHOUGH head down in a parliamentary scrum, there is little likelihood that rugby leagues' Anglo-French Super League will be tackled by either the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) or the Monopolies and Merger Commission (MMC), despite an appeal by Labour.

The OFT, which could refer the £77 million buy-out of the game to the MMC, said that no case was apparent.

The super league contract had still to be lodged with the watchdog body, but mergers of clubs were not being forced and the only possible area of monopoly was television.

An OFT spokesman said: "The issue of broadcasting rights has to be taken in context with exclusive rights that already exist in soccer and rugby union. As to clubs merging, the decision appears to be in the hands of members and shareholders."

The Silk Cut Challenge Cup will still be shown by the BBC, with super league matches on BSkyB from March 1996.

"It is difficult to say what case could be referred to the MMC, when all existing contracts have been protected," Rodney Walker, the chairman of the Rugby Football League (RFL), said.

Lord Merlyn Rees, the Labour peer and a former Home Secretary, has been appointed as the chairman of the Independent Committee that will take submissions from clubs and adjudicate on mergers before the announcement, scheduled for May 4, of the final structure of the 14-team super league.

On the legal front, the RFL is facing a three-pronged assault by Keighley, Rochdale and a High Court injunction served by Chorley, while, at Westminster, an investigation into the formation of the super league, which is backed by News Corporation, the parent company of *The Times*, might be launched by the National Heritage Select Committee.

Walker wants to brief MPs before the three-day meeting of the sport's international board that will be held in London next week.

"It is essential that the deal goes ahead to secure the future of rugby league in Britain," he said.

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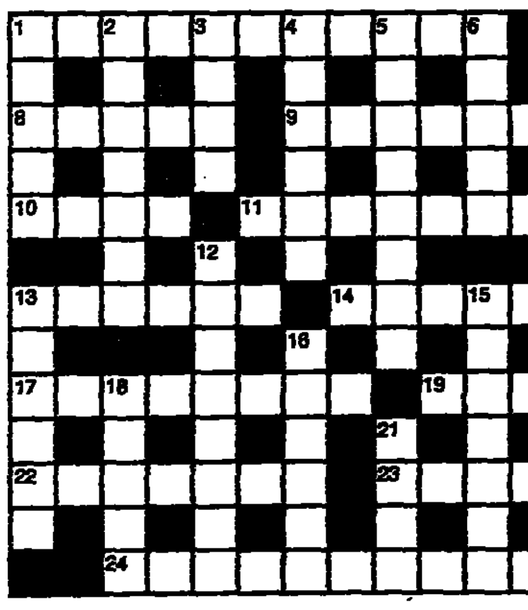

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Spin gamble tempts Australia

MARK WAUGH will be asked to add another string to his bow as Australia defend their 1-0 lead in the four-match series in the third cricket Test against West Indies, which starts today at Port of Spain, Trinidad. Already a key batsman, handy medium-pace bowler and brilliant fieldsman, Waugh, at the urging of Mark Taylor, his captain, has been polishing up his off spin with a view to providing support for Shane Warne.

Waugh experimented with spin in the the West Indies second innings as the second test, in Antigua, faded to a draw, but his role at Queen's Park Oval promises to be more than a mere novelty act.

An unusually green pitch has virtually guaranteed that Australia will play three fast bowlers, abandoning plans to recall Tim May, their specialist off spinner. However, Taylor believes that the pitch will eventually offer assistance to slow bowlers. "Mark's not the worst off spinner around," Taylor said. "If May doesn't play, he provides a useful option."

The Port of Spain pitch is traditionally the most friendly to spinners in the Caribbean, although the home fast bowlers were smiling after viewing the green square. Not so happy were the West Indies batsmen, who decided against practising on under-prepared net wickets, opting instead to use concrete strips.

Mark Waugh: new role

Some of the Australia batsmen also preferred concrete after watching occasional bowlers getting the ball to lift sharply from a good length, but Taylor seemed unconcerned. "It probably disrupted their training more than ours because we've been playing in St Kitts and our players got a reasonable workout," he said.

West Indies had been expected to consider including Rajindra Dhanraj, the Trinidad leg spinner, in their final XI, but the conditions are likely to prompt the retention of their standard, four-pronged pace attack.

The captain winning the toss will be sorely tempted to send the opposition in to bat for what could be a torrid opening session. "There's a lot of grass there at the moment," Taylor said. "It'll be interesting to see how much is there in the morning."

The match, which will be David Boon's hundredth Test — he is only the second Australian to reach this milestone, after Allan Border — could become one of modern cricket's most significant milestones if Australia can win, for they would thus become the first touring side to succeed in the Caribbean since 1973.

The Tasmanian stalwart, would prefer not to have to wait until Jamaica for a victory that would set the seal on a distinguished 11-year Test career. "It would be a big reward for what this team has achieved over the last seven years," he said.

WEST INDIES (probable): S C Williams, R B Richardson (captain), B C Lara, C L Hooper, J C Adams, K L T Arthurton, J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh, K C G Benjamin.

AUSTRALIA (probable): M A Taylor (captain), M J Slater, M E Waugh, D C Boon, S R Waugh, G S Blewett, I A Healy, B P Julian, P R Reiffel, S K Warne, G D McGrath.

Bowled over by a Durban welcome

David Rhys Jones reports on a spate of mishaps at the Atlantic Rim championships

AFTER spending almost 20 years in the bowls wilderness, the South Africans are falling over backwards to welcome the best women in the world to the Atlantic Rim championships in Durban.

Unfortunately, several visiting competitors have been falling over, too. Sarah Gourlay, of Scotland, rolled out of bed and sprained her bowling wrist. Rita Jones, the Wales triples skip, took to the green yesterday with a bandaged ankle after falling on her way to the team coach. Doreen Sutton, the Ireland team manager, is sporting two black eyes after tripping over a step that was not there.

A series of other unfortunate incidents have conspired to detract from the competition. Thefts from hotel rooms and a spate of minor muggings in the city centre have worried competitors. As play in the fifth round continued yesterday, an official scorer fell from the top of his ladder onto the roof of the clubhouse. Harold Jorgenson, a retired fire officer, was winched down from the roof by the fire brigade while concerned competitors tried to concentrate on the game in hand. He was later said to be comfortable — without a fracture — in hospital.

Nancie Colling, of England, the deputy president of the Women's World Bowls Board, played down the off-green mishaps. "We don't want to make a big issue out of one or two incidents because we have been made so welcome and are so delighted to be here," she said.

Made welcome? The players who have had to face the host country on the green might dispute that. Exploiting their home advantage, the South Africans are playing it tough, heading the pairs and triples tables after five rounds. Yet to lose a game, their worst result was a 17-17 tie with Wales in the first round of the pairs.

The hosts' dreams of carrying on where their country left off two decades ago could become a reality. The last time they staged a big international bowls event, in 1976, the Springboks — it is more politically correct to call them the Proteas these days — monopolised the men's world outdoor championships.

With six rounds to play in pairs and triples, South Africa's lead could be threatened by England or Namibia in the pairs and by Israel or England in the triples. Ireland, Scotland and Wales are beginning to pin their hopes on the singles and fours events next week, but they will first have to learn to play — and get up in the morning — without taking a spill.

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